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CW-1 slots reduced by 3,000

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After several weeks' delay, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services finally set the CW-1 cap for fiscal year 2018 last night, establishing the number of slots at 9,998—a reduction of 3,000 slots.

USCIS was scheduled to set the limit last night by having it published in the *Federal Register.* The move, described by the Torres administration last night as " a tremendous blow to our economy," is in preparation for the expiration of the CNMI

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JON PEREZ
File photo from March 27, 2017, shows a worker operating a backhoe during a road construction project along Isa Drive on Capital Hill.

'We don't want to return to Dark Ages'

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Gloria Cavanagh clearly remembers the early years of this decade. She calls it "The Dark Ages."

Cavanagh

That was the time when the CNMI economy was virtually at a standstill—almost no new businesses, almost no new constructions.

"We don't want to revert back to

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'Confessed drug dealer believes possibility of hired killer'

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REPORTER

» $9,000 per drug transaction using bank system revealed

A confessed dealer of methamphetamine or "ice" in the CNMI has revealed a sophisticated system for paying his supplier, using the banking system to funnel $9,000 to his supplier per transaction, according federal court documents.

The "ice" distributor also allegedly believes in the possibility of a hired killer having been sent here to liquidate those who testify against the "ice" supplier or family members of any witnesses.

In his report to the U.S. District Court for the NMI, special agent Kirk Johns of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said that in his proffer interview with Yang Kang Chen last Feb. 23, Chen estimated that he bought "ice" from Yang Zou on four to five occasions per month for a couple of months.

In a proffer interview, suspects

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Myanmar has subjected Rohingya Muslims to what amounts as apartheid.

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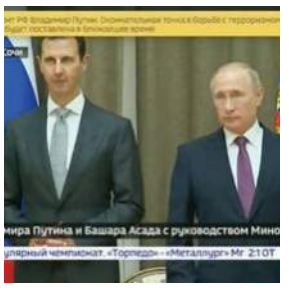

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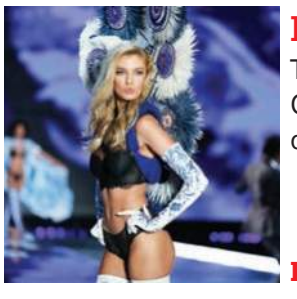

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The Victoria's Secret China show struts on despite controversies.

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Local

BEH closes 2 establishments

The Bureau of Environmental Health closed down two restaurants in October. Oriental Dumpling Restaurant in Chalan Laulau and Susan's Catering in San Vicente.

Both got Grade C ratings during sanitary inspections in October, garnering a score between 70-79 out of 100.

According to BEH director John M. Tagabuel, establishments that receive a Grade C rating are suspended but will be able to go back to operations once they correct the problems cited.

"We close down establishments due to bad practices either in sanitation, required food flow not followed properly, food storage or cooking, sewer system issues, and perhaps the establishment is infested with rodents or cockroaches," he said. "However, even with a Grade C rating, establishments still have an opportunity to resume operations after they identify discrepancies and are able to implement corrective actions that will satisfy BEH standards," Tagabuel added.

BEH conducts inspections twice a year—one for renewal and one unannounced inspection.

"Inspection can be more than twice, especially when BEH receives a complaint and concern. We go to the complained restaurant right away and conduct our own inspection to see if the complaint has basis," he said.

The BEH gives a rating of Grade A for establishments garnering a score between 90-100 and Grade B for establishments garnering a score between 80-89.

The establishments that received Grade A ratings are Herman's Modern Bakery (Airport Road), Uncle Ed's Restaurant (Kagman). Saipan Seaside Restaurant (Garapan), Shell Koblerville, Guang Zhou Restaurant KTV (Garapan), Saipan Marianas Noni (Garapan), Lin De Xuan Restaurant (Garapan), all outlets of Saipan LauLau Development Inc. (The Grill Restaurant, Black Ruby Karaoke Club, Pro-Shop Retail, Tea House (East & West) Golf Tower Snack Bar, Golf Tower Cafeteria, and Café Bay Pool Bar), REQ Day & Night Child Care Center (Navy Hill), Pelly's Apprentice Shop NMTI (Lower Base), New Garapan Market (Garapan), Nipa Hut Catering (Garapan), The Nipa Hut Bar (Garapan), The Nipa Hut Restaurant (Garapan), Fina Sisu Market (Fina Sisu), The Water Company (Lower Base), Subway Restaurant's "Foremost Scoop" (Gualo Rai), Boka Boka Restaurant (San Jose), Ace Hardware (San Vicente), I Love Saipan Trade Zone Product (Chalan Laulau), I Love Saipan #15 (Garapan), Tang Ji Restaurant (Gualo Rai), Royal Sourcing Fast Food (Chalan Kanoa), La Bella Restaurant (Garapan), S.P.E. Wholesale (Chalan Kiya), S.P.E. Retail (Chalan Kiya), and Duty Free Shoppers (Susupe).

The establishments that received a Grade B rating are Flame Tree Lounge Bar, New ABCD Market (Koblerville), J's Restaurant "Bowling" (San Jose), Truong's Restaurant (Susupe), American Pizza & Grill (Garapan), Jo-Lyn's Kitchen (Susupe), and Good Day Restaurant (Susupe).

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Naval Base Guam to remove feral pigs

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam has entered into an agreement with White Buffalo Inc., a non-profit conservation organization, to remove non-native feral pigs from NBG property.

This project will decrease negative impacts on Guam's ecosystem and improve the natural habitat of native species.

The project, running from November 2017 to the end of May 2018, seeks to remove all feral pigs from the Navy's main base in Santa Rita. High population densities of feral pigs have devastating effects on the environment, impacting native species and causing large-scale erosion.

Feral pig removal will help protect Guam's coral reefs from siltation deposits and protect native plant species. Feral pigs in Guam also carry leptospirosis, which can be a serious bacterial infection in humans.

This project is a cooperative agreement through the University of Georgia and White Buffalo Inc., which has many years of experience conducting conservation and animal control. Because safety is paramount, all actions, at all times, will be coordinated with NBG Security.

Due to U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, the distribution of feral swine meat to the public is prohibited. Pig carcasses will be disposed at the Layon landfill. ***(PR)***

THANKSGIVING HOURS

BankPacific schedule

BankPacific is announcing its Thanksgiving schedule as follows:

■ Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017: All Guam, Palau, and CNMI branches will be closed. MyCloudBanking will still be available at bankpacific.com and all ATMs will be fully stocked.

■ Friday, Nov. 24, 2017: All Guam, Palau, and CNMI braches will be open their regular hours.

■ Monday Nov. 27, 2017: All Guam, Palau, and CNMI branches will open their regular hours. ***(PR)***

Bank of Guam closed Thursday and Friday

Bank of Guam is announcing the following Thanksgiving holiday hours:

■ **Thursday, Nov. 23:** All Guam, CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia, and San Francisco branches will be closed. Customer Service Department will also be closed.

■ **Friday, Nov. 24:** All Guam, CNMI, FSM, and SF branches will be closed.

Guam and CNMI branches that normally open on Saturdays will operate as usual, from 9am to 1pm.

■ **Monday, Nov. 27:** All Guam branches will close at 3pm. ***(PR)***

CUC hours on Thanksgiving

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s office hours on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 is as follows:

Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Friday: Customer Service Center is open 8am to 12pm for payments and purchase of pre-paid meter tokens (load) only. All Other Offices will be closed

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). ***(CUC)***

Transfer station, landfill closed for Thanksgiving

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, both the Lower Base transfer station and the Marpi landfill waste disposal facilities will be closed all day. ***(PR)***

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Red Kettle season kicks off this week

The Salvation Army has added two red kettle spots this year and is looking for volunteers.

According to Salvation Army ministry leader Wayne Gillespie, the Salvation Army will be expanding its kettle ringing sites from just the Joeten Superstore to the Joeten Supermarket in Susupe, and at the I Love Saipan store in Garapan.

"We are still in very gravely serious financial situation. We'll always have funding challenges…we expanded the kettle sites this year because we're hoping we can triple the amount of money we normally raise through kettles," Gillespie said.

The kickoff of kettle season will be on Thursday during the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving lunch. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann Torres will make the first donation of the year.

The lunch will be held at the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Gualo Rai. The entire community is welcome to grab a meal or eat with the Salvation Army volunteers and staff.

Gillespie said that this year, they will be preparing roughly 700 meals and will also be delivering meals to homeless individuals in Kagman and Koblerville, and to families who are still getting back on their feet after Typhoon Soudelor.

The official starting day of kettle season will be on Friday. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

CW-1

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Transitional Worker Program in 2019.

In a statement from the Office of the Governor in expectation of the USCIS announcement last night, it said that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, after learning that USCIS intended to reduce the slots by up to half the total slots for fiscal year 2018, flew to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the "continuity of our economic growth" and have since then been following up with USCIS daily.

"[The Department of Homeland Security] told me it is their legal responsibility to make larger cuts to the CW number under the current law in order for the CNMI to reach zero by 2019," said Torres in the statement.

He said that, under Public Law 110-229, or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, "the effect could have been far more severe."

"It was incredibly difficult to argue against the facts of the current law," Torres said.

He recounted that in his many conversations with federal officials about the reduction, he urged them to allow the CNMI economy to survive for at least another year.

"And that is where they have decided on a 3,000-permit reduction," Torres said. "It is not what any of us would have hoped for, but this underlines a more important point."

Under the current law, the CW-1 number will be zero by 2019, and the CNMI can expect even more dramatic cuts next year, "unless Congress can amend and extend the transition period beyond 2019."

Torres acknowledged that the cut would result in businesses having to make difficult choices, and families having to make incredible sacrifices.

"For that I am sorry, but we cannot and will not stop our efforts," he said.

He pointed out that the CNMI community has made it through the most difficult times. "We have made it through incredible storms both natural and economic together, and I know we can do it again. As we continue to do what we can on this federal issue, I will keep you, our community, informed."

Torres also sought the cooperation of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who previously recommended a reduction of only one for the fiscal year 2018 CW-1 numerical cap.

"I am publicly asking Congressman Sablan to work with me and the community to make the extension of the CW program the top priority on his agenda before it is too late. There is too much at stake to hold off any farther. If we want the jobs we have created to remain, the economy to continue to grow, and more opportunities to arise, Congressman Sablan needs to put in all of his effort in moving this through Congress as quickly as possible. I am willing, as I have always been, to work with him on this effort," said Torres, adding that politics be set aside to focus on "the needs of our entire community–everyone who calls these islands home."

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from Sablan yesterday but his office stated that he would be issuing a comment once the USCIS announcement is published in the *Federal Register.*

The *Federal Register* was published last night at 10:45pm (ChST).

Extremely troubling

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who will be running against Sablan in the 2018 election, expressed concern last night, saying the reduction would have a "very negative impact" on the "upward economic growth" the CNMI is currently experiencing.

"It will choke our business community, inevitably forcing many businesses in the Commonwealth to reduce services or ultimately, completely shut down, resulting in the loss of so many new jobs in our community," he said in a statement.

Demapan said the enactment of P.L. 110-229 in 2008 "made dramatic changes" to the economy, imposed the transitional worker program deadline of 2019, and "arbitrarily removed the U.S. Secretary of Labor's discretionary authority to grant any further extension or delay."

"Unfortunately, the members of the U.S. Congress, including our delegate, did not make any attempt to preserve the Secretary of Labor's discretionary authority, which would have served as a safeguard to protect the CNMI's economic growth from being halted and jeopardized."

According to Demapan, a fix for the CW-1 program could only also be changed by an act of Congress.

He added that Sablan's H.R. 339, which was enacted last Aug. 23, 2017, was "severely short-sighted" and failed to address the "long-term needs of our Commonwealth."

H.R. 339 essentially bumped up the number of CW-1 slots for fiscal year 2017 by 350, with 60 slots allotted to health-related occupations and 10 slots allotted to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. engineers.

Other key provisions of H.R. 339 include removing construction workers from the CW-1 program and a $50-increase in the education fee that employer's pay when petitioning a foreign worker. The fee used to be $150 but is now $200. The money, which goes back to the NMI government, is used to fund local educational programs.

"It would have been more prudent for…Sablan to focus his efforts on drafting legislation aimed at strengthening the CNMI's workforce needs based on our current economic growth and ongoing developments," said Demapan.

According to a previous interview with Sablan, he said that H.R. 339 was a short-term solution to address the crisis caused by Chinese construction companies hogging about 4,000 CW-1 slots for fiscal year 2017. Sablan emphasized that the mere act of passing a bill in a period where the U.S. House is in recess is rare, highlighting the significance of H.R. 339 passing Congress.

"Going forward with any long-term solution, I think we have now achieved recognition for the need for some flexibility, depending on the circumstances, to adjust the number of workers so it meets our economic needs," said Sablan in a previous statement.

Demapan said the only solution to saving the CNMI economy from the threat of a "misguided federal law" rests with members of Congress. He urged Sablan and Torres to work together with the business community on long-term fix for the CNMI's economic growth.

KILLER

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talk about their knowledge of crimes. Under this arrangement, the suspect is assured that his or her statements will not be used against him or her.

Chen pleaded guilty last Jan. 27 to distribution of a controlled substance. Zou was sentenced last Friday in federal court to eight years and one month in prison for possession with intent to distribute "ice."

Johns said that, according to Chen, he would buy 50 grams of "ice" at each deal for approximately $160 per gram, and that he remembered paying Zou $9,000 per transaction.

Johns said the interview was held at the U.S. Attorney's Office on Saipan and that present were Chen's counsel, Benjamin Petersburg, DEA Task Force officer Ray Renguul, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, and a translator.

Chen allegedly stated he and Zhou would meet in various locations but usually in the parking lot of Chen's apartment in Garapan.

Chen allegedly stated that, one occasion when he was in China, his wife meet Zou in a parking lot to retrieve drugs in order for Qiran Li to sell shortly thereafter.

Li was also indicted with two counts of distribution of a controlled substance. He has already pleaded guilty and was slapped with an 18-month prison term last May.

Chen added that his wife only did what he told her to do and estimated that she picked up drugs on about three occasions.

When Zou would deliver the drugs to Chen, he would usually put the drugs in a Marlboro Red cigarette pack; rarely, he would use a Chinese branded cigarette box.

Chen stated that Zou drove two vehicles.

At a second proffer interview last March 3, Chen told Johns that his wife would deliver the drugs to Qiran Li for re-distribution.

Chen stated that when he would purchase drugs from Zou, he would transfer money from his Chinese bank account to Zou's Chinese bank account via wire transfer.

Chen stated that while he and Zou and another man were all housed in the same cell shortly after their arrests, Zou told him that the cigarette packs in the casino trash can were his.

Chen said Zhou stated that he would never plead guilty to the charges against him because there were no cameras in the casino bathroom.

Zou also allegedly told Chen that he threw the drugs in the trash because he thought people were following him.

Zou also allegedly stated that if someone were to testify against him, he would have someone on the outside "do something." Chen took this to mean a contract killer would be hired to either kill the testifiers or their family members.

Chen thought this was possible because a certain "Hong Kong guy" has ties to the Chinese mafia.

Chen stated that he remembered that in approximately May 2016, Zou had told Chen that he had two people come to Saipan around New Year's Eve in order to "handle any trouble that may arise."

Chen estimated that these conversations happened about four days after their arrests on Dec. 14, 2016.

Chen stated that the three of them were separated in detention cells, but later put together temporarily based on some cells being full.

DARK AGES

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the Dark Ages," Cavanagh now says.

She said this in response to news yesterday that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services slashed 3,000 slots from the total number of foreign workers the CNMI is allowed to hire in fiscal year 2018.

"We do not want to lose what we now know of the CNMI in the past four years as a growing economy," she said. That includes people having money in their pockets, more spending power, and a 28.6-percent increase in the CNMI's gross domestic product in 2016.

Cavanagh, who chairs the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands, said the reduction of 3,000 "is a huge number and if there is a shrinkage of the labor force, there's going to be a shrinkage of the economy."

She pointed out that the CNMI may not need any more workers since businesses will eventually close down.

USCIS published last night in the *Federal Register* that the FY 2018 CW-1 numerical cap is 9,998—3,000 less than the previous fiscal year's 12,998.

"This huge decrease is an obvious indication that no one is listening and that the federal government doesn't really understand.

"We need to get this point across and we need to work as a community and help our leaders—the administration and the representative office—and say 'we cannot run this way,'" Cavanagh added.

She said that everyone will feel the domino effect because everything on island is connected. "This is a scary situation," she said. "This is a concern islandwide, not just the hotels but we are talking about tour agents, guides, and all the ancillary businesses that support the tourism market. For the HANMI, we have less than 800 CW-1 total but all of the businesses that support our market are in trouble.

She pointed out that there are areas within Micronesia that are a lot more business-friendly, where businesses can move to.

"They can go and do their business remotely because they don't have employees to rely on here," she added.

Cavanagh insists that CNMI businesses have been doing their part to hire locally, citing the many forays to recruit in Micronesia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. mainland.

"To actually say it's feasible to get somebody from the mainland, uproot their family, and stay here for any amount of time is impossible and to think we can depend on that is unrealistic," she said.

"We've had job fairs and aggressive recruitment. Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. spent millions of dollars to recruit and, within months, they were down to 30 percent and the reality is not all businesses can really afford that," Cavanagh added.

According to her, the result of the CW-1 reduction is ultimately going to affect the indigenous people.

"Who carries this burden? The government does and our U.S. representative wholly because that's what he is here to do. He is supposed to protect us from these disasters and do as much as he can to work with local government and businesses in order to make sure that the CNMI is on the right track.

"Big and small businesses will definitely be affected but, ultimately, it's going to come down to the local people. The local people are the ones that are going to suffer because when businesses move off-island or close down, this will displace people," she added.

Cavangah said the urgency to get a bill to address the CNMI's need for workers passed in Congress is more emphatic now.

"The sense of urgency to pass a bill regarding foreign workforce is stronger now than it was yesterday when we didn't know what the cap is going to be. I know it is election year next year [but] it is time to set aside agendas as we all need to work together," she said.

Chamber offers scholarship grants

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is offering a one-time monetary award to students in the following categories: high school scholarships, college scholarships, and vocational education scholarships. A total of $12,000 is awarded each June.

Hard copies of the Chamber scholarship applications are available at the Chamber office and can also be delivered to schools upon request. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application which are due on or before 5pm on Friday, April 20, 2018, at the Chamber office in the Marianas Business Plaza third floor, Suite 315. Scholarships will be awarded at the monthly general membership meeting on June 6, 2018. Chamber scholarship applications are also available on the Chamber's website, www.saipanchamber.com.

For more information about the Educational Scholarship Fund, call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com.

The Chamber is the largest non-profit private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA film screening

As part of its Oral Cancer Health Forum Program, the Commonwealth Cancer Association is inviting the public to its screening of the oral cancer documentary titled *Chew* on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6pm at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center theater. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on record keeping for farmers

The CNMI Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will be offering a free business seminar called "The Benefits of Record Keeping for Farmers with USDA Farm Service Agency" at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute on Dec. 4, 2017, from 5pm to 6:30pm. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on microloan with USDA-FSA

The CNMI Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will be offering a free business seminar called "The ABC's of Applying for a Microloan with USDA Farm Service Agency" at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute on Dec. 5, 2017, from 8am to 9:30pm. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

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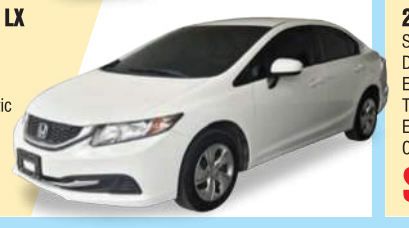

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The workshop was also designed for PSS staff to learn about best practices that promote student success, high student achievement, and college-and-career readiness. ***(PR)***

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Teachers take part in hands-on activities as part of their professional growth.

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Activities that are engaging were designed during yesterday's professional development.

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Man gets 2 years in prison for beating up girlfriend

A habitual offender was slapped with a two-year prison sentence last week for beating up his girlfriend in 2016 and 2017, and for violating his probation.

Sanderson Ilo Sebuu, 33, pleaded guilty to assault and battery in the 2016 and 2017 cases. He also admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation in a 2013 criminal case.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Sebuu to two years in prison, without the possibility of parole. He was given credit for 148 days of time served.

After completing his prison term, Sebuu will be placed on three years of probation. He was required to pay a $200 fine, plus $25 in court costs and $420 in probation fees.

He was also ordered to report to Community Guidance Center for counseling.

Sebuu is barred from drinking alcohol or using controlled substances during his probation.

Sebuu repeatedly slapped, punched, and kicked the victim on Sept. 17, 2016. He also punched, kicked, and pulled the victim's hair on June 21, 2017.

In January 2014, the defendant pleaded guilty to assault and battery and disturbing the peace. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison, all suspended except for 30 days. He was placed on three years of probation in that case.

When he committed the two offenses in 2016 and 2017, he was still on probation.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds represented the government. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Sebuu. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MVA THANKS ALDAN-PIERCE, OTHER BOARD MEMBERS MVA

Marian Aldan-Pierce, center, and Emma Villagomez, third from left, are presented with plaques of appreciation by the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors and management on Oct. 23, 2017, at Hyatt Regency Saipan. Aldan-Pierce is the longest-serving director, including serving several terms as board chair since her first appointment in 1993. Villagomez also served for many years as board treasurer. Not pictured are outgoing directors Juan Barcinas of Tinian and Vicente Calvo of Rota.

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NMC assists over 300 at Cash for College workshop

The Northern Marianas College recently hosted a well-received and successful "Cash for College" workshop over the weekend where staff members and community volunteers provided free, one-on-one financial aid assistance to over 300 participants.

The next workshop will be on Tinian on Dec. 5, 2017, at the NMC Tinian campus, from 10am to 4pm.

The purpose of the free workshop was to assist students and their parents by maximizing scholarship opportunities currently available to those seeking to obtain a college education.

At the workshop, participants received personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms for the various federal and local scholarships and grants including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, the CNMI Scholarship, and many other scholarship opportunities.

Other scholarships featured at the event included the Tan Siu Lin Foundation Scholarship, the Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship, and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund.

Workshop participants also received free notary and copying services, as well as fee waivers for the NMC admission application fee and placement tests for the spring 2018 semester.

"We are very pleased with the great turnout at the Cash for College workshop," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "It is always rewarding to see students take advantage of the opportunities that greatly benefit them and will help them reach their academic and personal goals."

For students who missed the recent Cash for College workshop, visit NMC's Financial Aid Office at Building N at the As Terlaje campus (Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm) or call (670) 237-6792 for further assistance. ***(NMC)***

Torres signs local bill into law

On Tuesday, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed Tinian Local Bill 20-02, D1, into law.

The bill makes supplemental appropriations for personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, and the Tinian Municipal Treasury for fiscal year 2018.

The bill was passed by the 20th Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation and the 16th Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council.

This bill becomes Tinian Local Ordinance 20-02. ***(PR)***

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Over 460 coconut rhino beetles, larvae collected

Combined efforts to eradicate the coconut rhinoceros beetle infestation on Rota have successfully thwarted over 439 grubs and 39 adult beetles.

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente noted that a collections report of flagged coconut trees and findings is updated daily.

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Department of Lands and Natural Resource personnel, along with DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente, meet with Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary Camacho on Rota to discuss a drop line solution to mitigate coconut rhino beetle spreading.

"The affected Tweksberry area has shown a large amount of coconut rhino beetles in the early larvae stage. This period, known as *instar*, is a sub-stage of growth where grubs look similar to maggots. This notable difference is important because we can determine how long they've been growing since coconut rhino beetles experience three growth periods. Before reaching adulthood, the final larvae stage is the emergence from their pupae chambers, and we have so far only discovered two in the pupa stages. This means we are catching the CRB's before their population increases and spread outside this area," Benavente said.

Land clearing is taking place in the area to widen the search for affected coconut trees.

Ray Roberto, coordinator for the DLNR Invasive Species, said that personnel have been tracking the CRB count since the beginning of October and that grubs have been collected and destroyed.

"Through the efforts of Forestry and Agriculture personnel on Rota, Department of Public Works, and our federal partners, we've been able to quarantine the Tweksberry area and carefully examine all flagged coconut trees. With the help of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary Camacho, we are preparing for a drop line to be installed in the area, which will keep nocturnal CRB's from flying off to other areas. We are very appreciative of the combined efforts of our agencies and extend our gratitude to the grant funding that was recently awarded by the Office of Insular Affairs to continue these efforts," Roberto said.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, available resources continue to be deployed for containment and eradication efforts.

"With these findings, we can see that a small amount of adult CRB's still have an impact on our agriculture. I am very pleased we were able to secure $181,048 in federal funding late last month from OIA.

"We will continue these efforts, and I would like remind our community to be vigilant about the coconut rhino beetle and its potential to affect our island's agriculture and resources.

"I commend our personnel for their diligence at the frontline of the containment, and I am pleased that we are finding and removing CRB's before their final growth, since this is key to keeping the beetles under control," Torres said.

Last month DLNR discovered the presence of 20 adult rhino beetles and multiple grubs on Rota when a coconut tree fell to the ground at the Tweksberry Beach Park, southwest of the West Marina on Rota. Local measures are in place with breeding traps currently deployed. An island-wide assessment continues to prevent further CRB spreading. ***(PR)***

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CCC recommends $200K maximum penalty

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission believes that setting a ceiling of $5 million on any potential penalty that could be imposed on the casino is "excessive" and that the ceiling should be at $200,000, based on other casino industries.

The House Gaming Committee, which adapted Rep. Edwin K. Propst's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 20-50, which sets the maximum penalty the CCC may impose on the casino at $5 million per violation, was described as "excessive" by CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero.

"…In any kind of law, the sanction is always looked at in terms of the validity of [a] law. If [a] law is too vague, oftentimes [the law] is invalid. If the law has excessive penalty, oftentimes it is looked upon very harshly," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*. "We looked at Nevada, New Jersey, Singapore, Macau, Australia, and South Korea for how much they charge for personal violation versus a company violation. We gave [the Legislature] a recommendation of $250,000 as a ceiling per violation."

Current law allows the CCC to impose up to $50,000 per violation as a maximum penalty on Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

H.B. 20-50, which passed the House Gaming Committee, raises the proposed maximum penalty to $800,000 per violation. It now heads to the House for deliberation.

According to Deleon Guerrero, the CCC has the authority to suspend or revoke the license of IPI when it sees fit.

According to a previous interview with House Gaming Committee chair Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), the penalty ceiling would be the largest potential penalty that a casino could be fined in the entire U.S.

"It is three times higher than any U.S. jurisdiction," said Deleon Guerrero, adding that the maximum penalty, if enacted, exceeds even that of Australia, Macau, and Singapore.

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A moment of reckoning for abusers

Movie producer Harvey Weinstein and comedian Louis C.K. are pariahs. Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore of Alabama is under fire, and so is Democratic Sen. Al Franken. What a righteous moment of accountability for creepy men in power.

We don't know if this is the dawn of a new era when American society repudiates sexism and embraces equality and respect. Certainly it feels like new rules of conduct are pinned to the national bulletin board: Behave or be toast.

History may show that the catalyst was the release last year of a vulgar conversation, taped in 2005, in which Donald Trump bragged about groping women. Trump denied committing assaults, brushed off his repulsive language as "locker room banter" and won the presidency.

Trump may have gotten a pass from voters, but his crassness feels unintentionally responsible for the remarkable transformation now in progress. The revolt against sexism is a rejection of the president's ugly, thoughtless outbursts and attacks on opponents. Many Americans, us included, are appalled by his unseemly side. Perhaps that's what encouraged victims of Weinstein and others to speak up. Thankfully, this is happening. Without an opposing force, Trump's nasty edge could be legitimized.

There is as much suspense as wonder over whether this sudden examination of standards will yield lasting results. The country can't flip a switch to end predatory and disrespectful behavior. Obviously, sexual abuse and degradation are wrong. Yet in a free, diverse nation, there is no social engineering app to transform behavior automatically. Cultural shifts happen according to their own timelines. Big changes take decades to take root. Some trends fade out.

The Hollywood side of the equation has momentum. The producer and the comedian have been excoriated and at least temporarily banished by their industry for abusive, repugnant behavior toward women. They may never work again, or in time rehabilitate themselves. Others, including actor Kevin Spacey, also are being held to account. It's good to see. The paying public will have a say in the fates of transgressors. It will be up to the entertainment industry to commit to banishing the casting couch.

The political side faces an imminent test in Alabama, where Moore is competing for a U.S. Senate seat and is suddenly behind in the polls. He has a detestable record as a public figure, having twice been elected and removed from the Alabama Supreme Court for acting as if he were above the law. On-the-record accounts of Moore's behavior are credible. Moore denies wrongdoing and says he'll stay in the race, which is driving uneasy Republican leaders to threaten to not seat him if elected. The best result is for Moore to lose. If he gets two votes—his wife supports him—that would be a just result.

What Franken did was shameful. It doesn't rise to the level of what Moore is accused of, but it's still rude and inappropriate. The victim accepted his apology.

Trump has gleefully lambasted Franken, but he hasn't demanded Moore step aside. Given his own track record, the president has zero credibility on the issue of respect and support for women's rights, anyway. The good thing is no one is waiting for him to lead the way. The country appears ready to move forward, starting with taking actions to hold miscreants responsible. That's what makes this such a positive moment.

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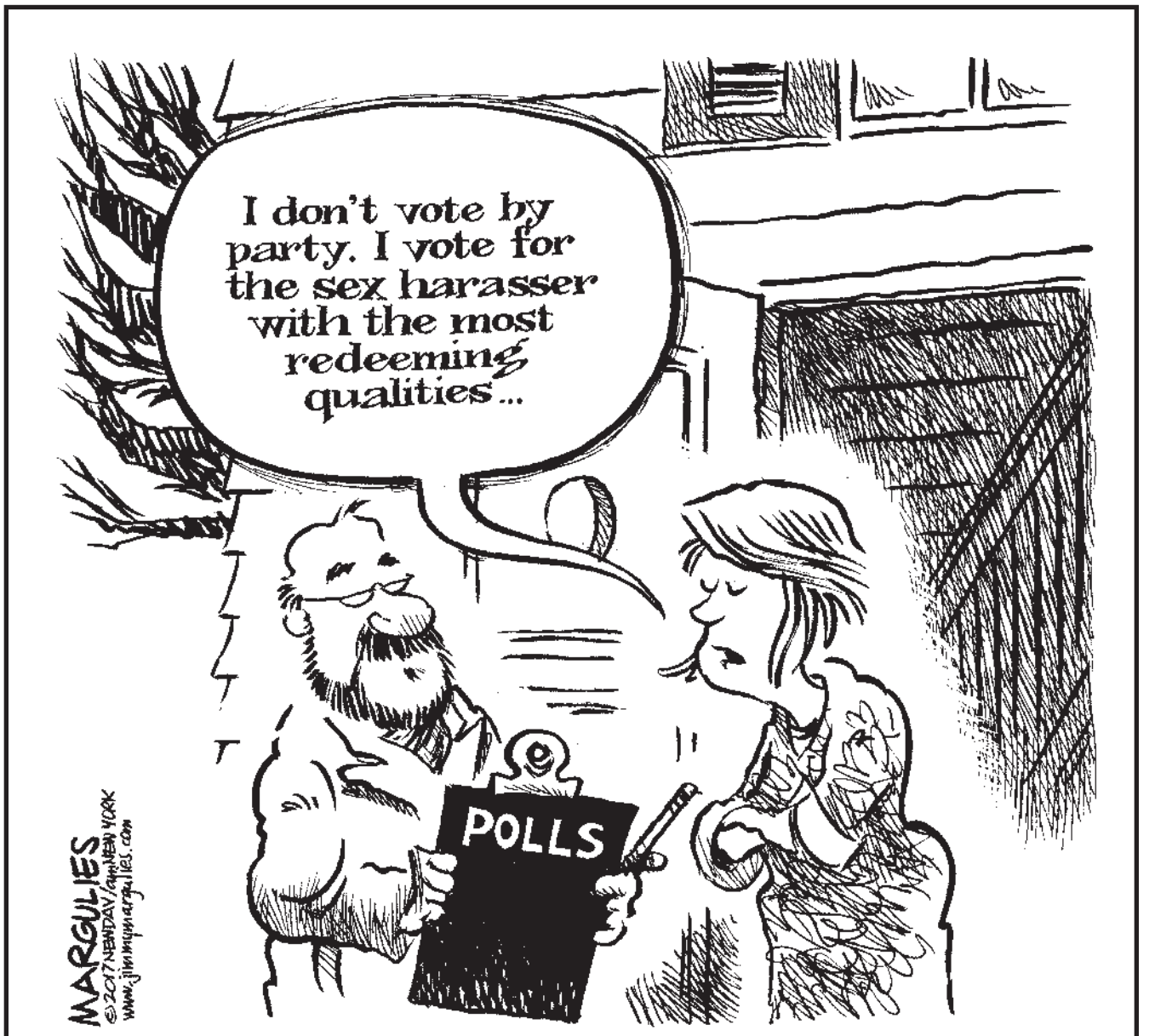
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Here's how we can break the ice

Thanksgiving: Time for family to gather, eat food, watch football, go shopping. And maybe, if we're lucky, tell a story or two.

I love stories. Growing up, though, I rarely had great Thanksgiving dinner conversation. My family gathered around a long table, pausing for a moment before we ate all the fixings of a splendid meal.

Sometimes my father would make an awkward toast and we'd dig in, the room filling with the sound of forks and knives and chewing. But while my family's Thanksgiving feast may have looked like a scene from a Norman Rockwell painting, except with smiling Japanese American faces, we rarely had a grand exchange. As time passed, the TV was left on, and football filled the gaps, along with chitchat about health concerns and gossip about this lonely uncle or that cousin's marriage.

I'm hoping this year will be different. Across the nation, we need conversations more than ever. People are not talking with each other. We yell or are silent. Many of us seem to be harboring an anger, fueled by news of scandal, disaster, shootings, politics. We live in a polarized world.

Ask an innocent question about the weather? Then you must acknowledge the hurricanes and wild fires and climate change. Safe to talk about sports? Not if someone mentions the national anthem and football.

Yet for a single meal or holiday weekend, starting with family, perhaps we could think about having at least one real conversation. Let's use this opportunity to engage.

Let's start, for example, simply by asking questions. Our daily discourse is filled with attitude and declarations. We have forgotten the power of listening.

A simple opening query –"Tell me about ...?"—shows I care. It goes deeper, and asks about family, about experiences, for something that's meaningful to you.

And I want it to be personal—not about something you read or repeating the talking points of a media pundit. Tell me about your life. Here's a trick from oral historians: It's not the first question that gets the great story, it's the second and third. It's not, "Mom, tell me about your childhood." It's the followup: "What food did you eat? What was Thanksgiving like then?"

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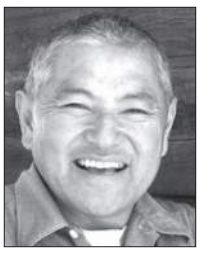

Gently, food and everyday life tend to open the door to more connection, around who we are and our family sagas. My mom tried her best to make the classic Thanksgiving dinner yet my dad always wanted white rice with his turkey. We got confused with the cranberries. They seemed to be dessert so we ate them after the meal, a proper ending treat for a Japanese American peach-growing farm family.

A question about the past seems to grant a license to share stories. Ask for specifics, not just what work someone did but the details: What were you paid? How was someone hired or fired? Were you happy?

The goal is not judgment but verbal communion. Yes, sometimes that one uncle is a jerk and that in-law is a self centered, narcissistic idiot. The point is, they're still family.

Stories, not sound bites: Great exchanges can be like a performance, filled with intonation and body language. In my family, often what's not said—the pauses—are as telling as the tale itself.

Maybe I can pull in a younger generation by asking for help with technology, a brief audio recording or a short video of a conversation. Even a 20-second clip can become priceless later. Who knows? The millennial may be tricked into listening, and voila! I've captured an intergenerational exchange.

Each Thanksgiving, we have an opportunity to be part of a powerful discourse, to witness the essence of family, whether it's at a grand long table or off to the side, in a small group or one-on-one. This year, don't take that opportunity for granted. Ask and listen, and share a story as well as a meal with someone.

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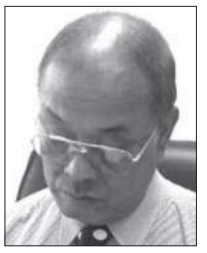
Finattun Ha`anen Gupot

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Agupa` Thanksgiving Day, tutuhun ha`anen gupot Noche Buena lokue` siha guine na petlas. Un` ma`gas na ha`anen dinaña familia. Tiempun rininueban inafamauleg yan inagofli`e gi entalu` todu.

Hu agradese i umafagcha` i okasion yan kutturan relihion-ta. Ha pega tatte inetnun familia gi dichu kustumbren natibu desde antigu na tiempu. Parehu na selebrasion entalu` Pilgrims yan Indian gi tutuhun iya America `nai maseha difirensiau rasan niha dumaña` i dos gi fina` sentada ginen kusechan gualu`. I tutuhun tradision linala`ta lokue` gaige gi pisun fangualu`an.

I finattun Noche Buena hana` hahassu-yu` un` kanta pot "katma yan silensiu i señgsoñg iya Bilen gi pueñgen `nai mafañagu i Niño. Un` putionsumen ma`lag umina enteru elmundu. Gi taduñg maigoña i Niño `nai man-malofan i man-añghet silensiu gi lañget. I tautau lokue` marisibe hagas manañga na apas niha guihe na pueñge."

Un` kantata Noche Buena klaru na deklarasion na mafañagu i Rai man-rai siha. Dañkulu na tinilaika masusede gi enteru elmundu ginen Dies Na Tinagu` Yuus!

Man-nana`eyu` mit grasias gi Saina pot bendision mame. Fan man-na`e saludu yan respetu gi matriatkan yan patriatkan familia gi dinaña` miyu agupa` na ha`ane yan un` sinsiyu na agradesimientu para i Saina pot todu bendision miyu.

Agradesimientu: Un` ginen ma`gas relihion guine i ginen O`bispo-ta as Tomas A. Camacho. Anaku` na tiempu ha esgaihon ma-adelantan linala` espirituat linahyan entalu` Guahan yan Marianas.

Hu agradese setbisioña si Obispo Camacho `nai ha attetende i kinilu siha gi pastahe. Namagof na pastot pot fietmente ha gachuñge hit gi anaku` na karera-ta gi katsadan linala` kumu mañgatoliku.

Hu diseseha un` sinsiyu yan felis na Happy Thanksgiving para hagu Señor O`bispo. Si Yuus Maase ni todu animu-mu, bendision, suanu, mehnalum yan ma`ug na akonsehun espirituat gi todu tiempun setbisiomu. Tinayuyot!

Kilisyanu: Gi 1976 giya Indianapolis, tumotohge-yu` para bai maudai bus tatte gi lugathu. Estaba dos umasagua (dos Ph.D.) yan patgon niha. Sige patgon impirau `nai hu faisen i tata haf` malago`ña. Ilegña, "Ñalañg ya ni un sen ham señor".

Hu lagnus i tetehnan na sinsiyu ya huna`e pot i patgon. Gi biradahu sige hu dibina, dos Ph.D. ya ni un` sen? Lau komprendiyun kareran tautau ni mau`udai gi napun tinilaikan sakudidan lañgat eskases yan abundansia. Todu man-tinetpe nu este na pinadese.

Pinasensia: Hu sen agradese ayu siha na man-amko`ta i umakonseha-yu` pot bittun pinasensia. Dispues de 45 años, hu tutuhun humala tatte i baban heñiun toru. Mas mañgomprende-yu` haf` echu che`chu` tautau. Dimas de bai chalegua` sikoshu hu usune umekuñgog.

I mas mañge` na siñiente `nai hu dispensa `nos kuantos manenemigu-hu. Hihot mattuyu` gi lañget `nai hu komple este un` talo`ane. I esta monhayan man-madispone hu gagau lokue` dispensu ya hu tayuyute.

Achog tinayuyot Tatan Mame, i mas ma`gas na tinayuyot, tafafaisen i Saina inasi`i "ni isau mame, taiguihe in` asisi`i dumidibe ham siha…" Eyag este na bittu sa mauleg para hagu.

**Na`an Tinanum:** Hu soda` gi diksionariu na`an tinanum yan troñku siha. Kanaha` ni unu hu tuñgu. Bai lista `nos kuantos pot para un` li`e kau un` tuñgu`: lakñgayau, apehu, mapuñao, lumbang, nanagu, astetema, laguana, biknai, chosgo, batbena, nonnak, mapola, roseli, aniles, budu, fofgo, lagon tasi, alalak tasi, alaihai, tagu`a, melindres, gege sansoñan, pachodak, pengua, pegagu, luluhot yan chiku.

Trabiha ti man-mafattu hit gi na`an guihan siha. Lamegai para ta rinueba gi bandan haf` tinanum natibu yan guihan siha gi tasita. Ayu hu dimemoria i regulat takakanu` na guihan tat kumu atulai, tataga`, hiteñg, tiau, manineñg, hañgun yan guile. Los dimas, kase ti chagu` bokabulariuta guine na patte.

Homestead: `Nai hu bisita seputturan familia hu soda` un` amiguhu sige lumiliku`. Hu faisen hafa ha aliligau. Illegña, "Homestead, para `an mataiyu` pot esta kumeke hokog guine". Dios mihu! Mauleg magahet ta prekura parehu yan i prohimu pot ayu uttimu `nai para tafan mapega dispues de man-madispone hit.

Liñguahe: I sasañgan palabra guaha difirensia entalu` Guahan, Luta yan Saipan. Luta ilegña "man-sisiha", Saipan "mañisiha"; Guahan "mamarientes", Saipan "man-parientes". Anog na kada isla gai ekspressiu gi dopbladan finu` Chamorro.

Giya Hawaii mangai finu` Eñglis lokue mafanana`an pidgin English. Mina` yahu sa` kulan ma`tut liñguahen niha Eñglis. Taya problemahu kumuentos yan siha pidgin. Paire piot gi oran dinaña` fina maneskada. Gigon man-asufa` finu` mame todu mauleg. Eh, bradda, da kine bugga he no mo` like talk to me so I gave him one dirty lickin`".

LITERARY NOOK

A series of selfie sonnets: Part 1

Navigating the turns and twists of the WH resident narcissist
some serious, some deleterious, some delirious, some imperious

"That the curious shall not know
How to tell them as they flow
And the envious when they find
What their number is, be pined"
—from Volpone (The Fox) by Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

All selfies by virtue of their origins in reality and by virtue of themselves already exist. There may be more in a brane (parallel universe) just beyond the tip of your nose. Chances are good if that is a reality you will never see them. Have you ever wondered how many selfies are currently floating in cyberspace? Have you heard of the theory of bubble speciation, which goes beyond megaverse or multi universe ideas and proposes that there are new universes being constantly formed in bubbles? Kind of a googolplex times googolplex times…well you get the picture. These sonnets are dedicated to a nabob of narcissism known to us all. In the name of the President, Himself, and His Reflections in a Golden Mirror.

45 on 45: Trump Takes Selfies

Do I take selfies? am I Baron of Bling? of course I do
I take them while tweeting before during and after
I can't think of a much better subject can you?
I take them when I'm sad, mad, filled with laughter
I use a digital camera I bought for my self as a gift
who knew that camera would be hard to operate for me
I bought it for sale at my own gift shop practicing thrift
I post them all in my archives for Presidential Prosperity
I take them in the Oval Office and on my golf courses
Since I'm president number 45 every day I take 45
coming and going chopper to jet with military forces
believe me I'll keep taking selfies as long as I'm alive
as I've said many times before, "Only I Can Do It"
as far as selfies are concerned there's never a time to quit.

Follow Me and Follow the Money

(this is no jive follow 45 for a fiscal funny)
Follow the money and follow me I got plenty
no need to ask why just believe me believe me
my father gave me a bundle when I was twenty
I made millions more before I turned forty
follow the money many people have said
a sucker born every minute that's what the fact is
squeeze dollars out of dummies till they're dead
for Wall Streets sake don't file your taxes
follow the money from morning till night
make sure all your children work for you
I'm smart high IQ you don't need to be bright
you'll be rich like me before you are through
follow the money, yuan, yen, won, and rubles
no need to tell the truth or have any scruples.

Selfies Twist: My Asian Bucket List

Let's tweet again like we did last summer
Putin says Russia didn't interfere in our election
I believe him he knows I'm not getting dumber
and Rex and I still lean in his business direction
fresh back from my Asian whirlwind tour
only had one chance in Japan to go golfing
but liked those Chinese trade deals for sure
now I'm a big buddy and a fan of Xi Jin Ping
In Viet Nam I didn't visit Sen. McCain's jail
I said every country should place itself first
then who would be second? would the rest fail?
both me and Duterte performed as rehearsed
I stopped in Hawaii place of Obama's birth
ate plenty ono stuff and increased my girth.

Celebrating family caregivers

By MARIANAS HEALTH
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

When home health aides and other professional health and personal care providers are not available daily for those who require care throughout the day, who steps in? Who provides the vast majority of care for people who are unable to fully care for themselves? Most often, they are our family caregivers.

November has been designated National Family Caregivers Month. As we approach the day especially designated for giving thanks, we express gratitude for and celebrate all family caregivers in the CNMI—our partners in home healthcare.

Who are family caregivers?

These are the often-unsung heroes of the home, who day in and day out help a family member—perhaps a father, mother, grandparent, aunt or uncle—with the daily basic needs they can no longer provide for themselves. Family caregivers are often working parents who juggle raising children and maintaining their careers while also providing essential care for a family member at home. As a caregiver, these individuals are often responsible for managing their loved one's medications, ensuring an adequate supply is on hand and that medications are administered at the proper times each day. They usually also ensure that their loved one is receiving proper nutrition by providing meals each day. Depending on the condition of the family member being cared for, family caregivers may also have to do the house cleaning and laundry as well as assist in bathing, hygiene, dressing, and grooming needs.

In the January 2017 *New York Times* article, "Who Will Care for the Caregivers?" D. Khullar reported that, "according to AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving, the typical family caregiver is a 49-year-old woman caring for an older relative—but nearly a quarter of caregivers are millennials and are equally likely to be male or female. About one-third of caregivers have a full-time job, and 25 percent work part-time. A third provide more than 21 hours of care per week."

Important to remember is that family caregivers are "generally unpaid." When seeing these statistics, one must wonder how they do this? Many times, this care is given with great sacrifice. Many family caregivers experience struggles with their careers. According to Paula Span's *New York Times* article "Caregivers Sometimes Must Sacrifice Their Careers," "14 percent [of family caregivers] took formal leaves of absence; 13 percent reduced their hours or found less demanding jobs…and 6 percent gave up work entirely." Financial strain can follow due to the loss of income. This, plus long hours of around-the-clock caregiving can lead to high levels of stress and emotional strain as well.

With all of this in mind, we see family caregivers as enormous blessings and sources of inspiration for selflessness and dedication. If you know any family caregiver or are blessed to have one in your life, remember to thank them for all that they do. Encourage them to take a few moments to relax and eat properly so that they may continue to have the strength to continue their lifegiving work.

To learn more about home health care, please visit www.marianashealth.com or call 233-4646.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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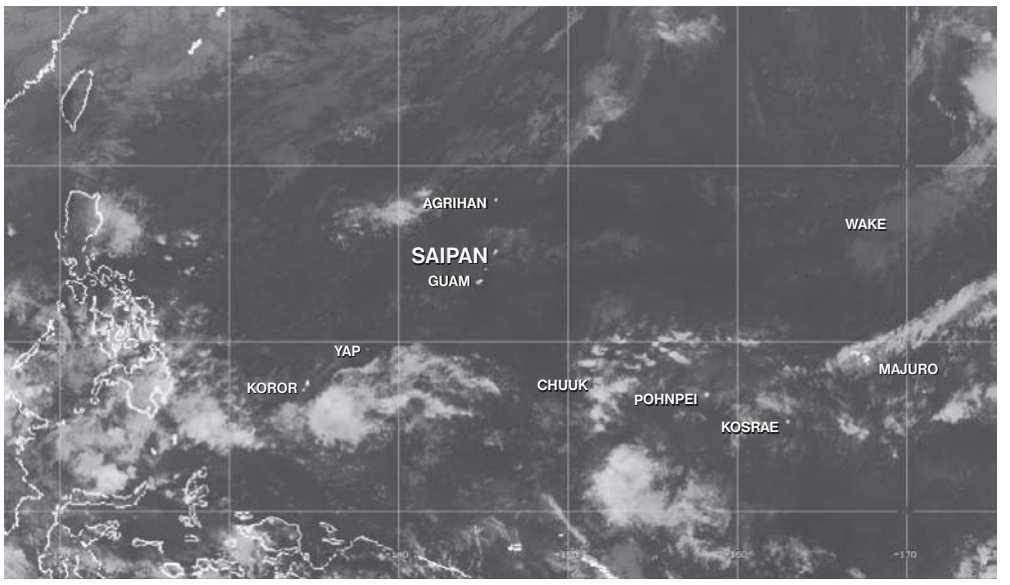
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:55 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

There is some stratocumulus this morning in and around the Marianas and especially around and south of Guam. These clouds have triggered some isolated showers. The guidance indicates that this area should move out later this morning. Then the overall dry pattern continues. Still holding with the isolated thunderstorms Wednesday night into Thursday though odds are not high. A disturbance will move south of the Marianas by the end of the week or into the weekend and increased convergence could bring increased clouds and possible showers, but until timing comes better into focus, have not made any changes to the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	70° / 59°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	46° / 25°
Hong Kong	Cloudy	70° / 61°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	82° / 68°
London	Windy	59° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	93° / 63°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	88° / 64°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 70°
New York	Showers	53° / 32°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	55° / 43°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	52° / 43°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	52° / 37°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	65° / 40°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	66° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	41° / 28°
Tokyo	Rain	54° / 43°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	51° / 31°

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:46 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.16
10:47 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82
4:31 PM	LOW TIDE	1.19
8:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.67

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	5:43 PM
Saturday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:08 am	8:45 pm	-
Thursday	9:56 am	9:33 pm	-
Friday	10:41 am	10:23 pm	-
Saturday	11:26 am	11:12 pm	-
Sunday	12:09 am	-	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)

XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN

XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express, XP XTRA Airways; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
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2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
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November 15, 2017

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Project No.: CM-NH-0036(004)

DPW-17-IFB-030

1. **General:** The following revisions, additions, corrections, and/or clarifications to the specification and drawings shall apply to the work hereby. Careful note of this Addendum shall be taken by the bidder/contractor, and all trades affected shall be fully advised of the information contained herein. In the event of the conflict between the drawings, specification and this Addendum, the contents of this addendum shall govern. All further conflicts in the work resulting from, or caused by, the contents of this Addendum must be brought to the attention of the Contracting Officer for resolution. Failure to acknowledge this bid Addendum with instructions may subject your bid to rejection on the affected item(s)/services(s).

2. **Submission of Bid Documents:**
a. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 13, 2017.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 13, 2017,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 13, 2017** and must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **December 22, 2017.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for a rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, December 27, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on December 13, 2017.**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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1.	**FINANCIAL AUDITOR**	Audit	$37,000 - $42,000	CCC-2017-**A**
2.	**COMPLIANCE AGENT**	Compliance	$32,000 - $37,000	CCC-2017-**B**
3.	**DEPUTY MANAGER**	Enforcement & Investigations	$44,000 - $49,000	CCC-2017-**C**
4.	**INVESTIGATIVE ANALYST**	Enforcement & Investigations	$30,000 - $35,000	CCC-2017-**D**
5.	**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** – Procurement	Executive Office	$30,000 - $35,000	CCC-2017-**E**

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Application Forms can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For information on the **POSITION DESCRIPTION** and other requirements, please contact the HR Officer, Ms. Juanette LG. Sablan at 233-1857/58 or at **info@cnmicasinocommission.com.** Interested persons should submit their completed Employment Application Forms along with supporting documents to the **Commonwealth Casino Commission's Office at Springs Plaza (Unit #13 & #14), Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.**

Business

Yellen to step down from Fed board

WASHINGTON (AP)— Janet Yellen submitted her resignation from the Federal Reserve board to President Donald Trump on Monday, announcing that she will leave when her successor is sworn in as Fed chairman.

In a letter to the president, Yellen said she would her "utmost" to ensure a smooth transition to Jerome Powell, who was tapped by Trump on Nov. 2 to become the next Fed leader after the president decided not to offer Yellen a second term.

Yellen

Yellen's decision gives Trump in his first year in office the chance to fill five positions on the Fed's seven-member board, in addition to picking Powell to be the next Fed chairman. Board member Lael Brainard will be the only Fed board member not nominated by Trump, meaning his selections will have tremendous influence in setting the country's future monetary policy.

Powell's confirmation hearing is scheduled for next week before the Senate Banking Committee. Powell, at one time the only Republican on the Fed board, is not expected to encounter major hurdles in winning confirmation to the chairman's job. He has been on the Fed board since 2012.

Yellen's four-year term as Fed chair ends on Feb. 3. But she could have chosen to remain on the board until her term as a board member ended in January 2024.

At the moment, the board has three vacancies including the No. 2 spot of vice chairman. The president earlier this year tapped Utah financier Randal Quarles to be vice chairman for supervision.

The administration has not announced selections for the other openings. But last week, the Wall Street Journal reported that Mohamed El-Erian, the former chief executive at Pacific Investment Management Co., was one of several candidates being considered for the vice chairman's job.

It was also reported that Kansas State Banking Commissioner Michelle Bowman was being considered for the Fed board seat reserved for someone with community banking experience.

Until Monday, Yellen had been mum on whether she might stay on the Fed board if she did not get another term as chair.

In her letter to Trump, Yellen said it had been "my great privilege and honor" to serve in the Federal Reserve system over three decades, first as a member of the board during the 1990s. She served as president of the Fed's San Francisco regional bank, then Fed board vice chairman. In 2014, Yellen succeeded Ben Bernanke to become the first woman to head the U.S. central bank.

"As I prepare to leave the board, I am gratified that the financial system is much stronger than a decade ago, better able to withstand future bouts of instability," she said in her resignation letter. "I am also gratified by the substantial improvements in the economy since the crisis."

Shawn Sebastian, co-director of the Fed Up coalition, a collection of progressive groups, called Yellen's departure "a loss for working people across the country." He praised Yellen for her stands on "economic inequality, racial disparities in the economy, the role of women in the workplace and the need for more diversity at the Fed."

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, who often sparred with Yellen over monetary policy, said in a statement that he had great respect for her and "there is no doubt she is an able public servant and I wish her well."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-New York, praised Yellen for successfully navigating "one of the most challenging economic periods we have seen in generations."

Justice Dept. sues to stop AT&T's $85B Time Warner deal

NEW YORK (AP)—The Justice Department is suing AT&T to stop its $85 billion purchase of Time Warner, setting the stage for an epic legal battle with the telecom giant.

It could also create a new headache for President Donald Trump, whose public statements have raised suspicions that he might have interfered with the department's decision, potentially undermining its legal case. DOJ's antitrust chief, Makan Delrahim, has said the president did not tell him what to do. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Monday she wasn't aware of any specific action related to the case taken by the White House.

In a press release, Delrahim said that a combined AT&T-Time Warner would "greatly harm American consumers" by hiking television bills and hampering innovation, particularly in online television service. The DOJ said AT&T would be able to charge rival distributors such as cable companies "hundreds of millions of dollars more per year" for Time Warner's programming—payments that would ultimately get passed down to consumers through their cable bills.

In an emailed statement Monday, AT&T general counsel David McAtee said the lawsuit is a "radical and inexplicable departure from decades of antitrust precedent" and that the company is confident that it will prevail in court.

AT&T runs the country's second largest wireless network and is the biggest provider of traditional satellite and cable TV services. Time Warner owns HBO, CNN, TBS and other networks, as well as the Warner Bros. movie studio.

The government's objections to the deal surprised many on Wall Street. AT&T and Time Warner are not direct competitors, and "vertical" mergers between such companies have typically had an easier time winning government approval than deals that combine two rivals.

The last time the U.S. government won a court victory in a vertical merger antitrust case was in 1972, when the Supreme Court said Ford's takeover of a spark-plug business violated antitrust law.

Many had expected government approval of the deal because Obama-era antitrust officials approved a similar deal—Comcast's purchase of NBCUniversal—in 2011, after imposing restrictions on Comcast's behavior that were meant to protect consumers.

As a candidate, however, Trump vowed to block the pending AT&T-Time Warner deal because it would concentrate too much "power in the hands of too few." As president, Trump has often blasted CNN for its coverage of him and his administration, disparaging it and its reporters as "fake news."

At a press conference Monday, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson addressed speculation over whether the government's lawsuit was "all about CNN," saying, "Frankly, I don't know." But Stephenson said AT&T would not agree to anything that would result in it losing control of CNN.

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Nation

Report: Rep. Conyers settled complaint over sexual conduct

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michigan Rep. John Conyers settled a complaint in 2015 from a woman who alleged she was fired from his Washington staff because she rejected his sexual advances, BuzzFeed News reported Monday.

The website reported that Conyers' office paid the woman over $27,000 to settle the complaint under a confidentiality agreement.

BuzzFeed also published affidavits from former staff members who said they had witnessed Conyers touching female staffers inappropriately —rubbing their legs and backs — or requesting sexual favors. One former staffer said one of her duties was "to keep a list of women that I assumed he was having affairs with and call them at his request and, if necessary, have them flown in using Congressional resources."

BuzzFeed said it received the documents from right-wing activist Mike Cernovich, but independently confirmed their authenticity. Cernovich said he gave the documents to BuzzFeed News because Democrats would "try to discredit the story by attacking the messenger" if he published them himself.

AP

In this April 4, 2017, file photo, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., speaks during a hearing of the House Judiciary subcommittee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The 88-year-old Conyers is the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee and the longest-serving current member of the House. Calls to Conyers and his office seeking comment were not immediately returned Monday night.

The government has paid more than $17 million in taxpayer money over the last 20 years to resolve claims of sexual harassment, overtime pay disputes and other workplace violations filed by employees of Congress. The Office of Compliance released the numbers amid a wave of revelations of sexual misconduct in the worlds of entertainment, business and politics that made its way to Capitol Hill last week. Two female lawmakers described incidents of sexual harassment, one in explicit detail, and Minnesota Sen. Al Franken apologized to a woman who said he forcibly kissed her and groped her during a 2006 USO tour.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Monday she was unaware of the settlement by Conyers. "The current process includes the signing of non-disclosure agreements by the parties involved," Pelosi said in a statement. "Congresswoman Jackie Speier has introduced legislation that will provide much-needed transparency on these agreements and make other critical reforms. I strongly support her efforts."

A spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., did not immediately provide comment Monday.

New allegation against Franken, this time met with silence

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—A woman says Al Franken pulled her in tightly and put his hand on her buttocks in 2010 while posing for a picture at the Minnesota State Fair, the second allegation of improper conduct against the Democrat and first involving his time as a senator.

Lindsay Menz told CNN last week for a report broadcast Monday that the interaction with the Minnesota senator made her feel "gross." She said she immediately told her husband that Franken had "grabbed" her bottom and that she posted about it on Facebook.

Menz's story comes days after a Los Angeles broadcaster, Leeann Tweeden, accused Franken of forcibly kissing her during a 2006 USO tour. Franken already faced a Senate ethics investigation over Tweeden's allegation, but the Menz allegation is potentially more damaging for Franken because it would be behavior that occurred while he was in office.

Franken, a Democrat, told CNN he didn't remember taking the photo with Menz, but said in a statement to the network that he feels badly that she felt disrespected.

"I take thousands of photos at the state fair surrounded by hundreds of people, and I certainly don't remember taking this picture," Franken told CNN. "I feel badly that Ms. Menz came away from our interaction feeling disrespected."

Franken's office did not respond to repeated Associated Press messages seeking comment.

With the Capitol empty due to Thanksgiving break, reaction to the latest allegation against Franken were muted compared to an outcry last week—and Democrats nationally and in Minnesota were silent.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, repeated a statement from Thursday calling for an ethics investigation of Franken. After publicly denouncing Franken's conduct and supporting that investigation last week, no powerful Democrats had spoken out by Monday afternoon about Menz's allegations.

Menz, 33, who now lives in Frisco, Texas, said her father's business was sponsoring a radio booth at the Minnesota fair and that she took photos with several elected officials and political candidates as they stopped at the booth.

She said as she posed with Franken, he "pulled me in really close, like awkward close, and as my husband took the picture, he put his hand full-fledged on my rear," Menz said. "It was wrapped tightly around my butt cheek."

Menz said she told her husband, Jeremy Menz, and father Mark Brown about it right away. Both men affirmed that to CNN. Menz also said she posted the photo with Franken on Facebook on Aug. 27, 2010, and when her sister commented on the photo, she replied: "Dude -- Al Franken TOTALLY molested me! Creeper!"

Judge permanently blocks Trump sanctuary cities order

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal judge on Monday permanently blocked President Donald Trump's executive order to cut funding from cities that limit cooperation with U.S. immigration authorities.

U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick rejected the administration's argument that the executive order applies only to a relatively small pot of money and said Trump cannot set new conditions on spending approved by Congress.

The judge had previously made the same arguments in a ruling that put a temporary hold on the executive order targeting so-called sanctuary cities. The Trump administration has appealed that decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

An email to a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Justice was not immediately returned.

Orrick's ruling came in lawsuits brought by two California counties, San Francisco and Santa Clara.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said the ruling was "a victory for the American people and the rule of law."

"President Trump might be able to tweet whatever comes to mind, but he can't grant himself new authority because he feels like it," he said in a statement.

A lawyer for the DOJ argued during a hearing before Orrick in April that the executive order applied to only a few grants that would affect less than $1 million for Santa Clara County and possibly no money for San Francisco.

But the judge disagreed, saying in his rulings that the order was written broadly to "reach all federal grants" and potentially jeopardized hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to San Francisco and Santa Clara.

He cited comments by the president and Attorney General Jeff Sessions as evidence that the order was intended to target a wide array of federal funding. And he said the president himself had called it a "weapon" to use against recalcitrant cities.

The Trump administration separately has also moved to withhold one particular law enforcement grant from sanctuary cities, prompting a new round of lawsuits that are pending.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereby gives notice that CPA is applying for a USDA Loan for funding of the proposed Rehabilitation of Runway 7/25 at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located at the Saipan Airport Fire Station.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the proposed airport improvement and accept any written comments. Persons wishing to provide improvement but are unable to attend the public hearing may drop or mail their comments to the attention of CPA's Executive Director, Mr. Christopher S. Tenorio, by November 27, 2017 to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, second floor arrival building, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan MP 96950, fax to (670) 234-5962 or email then to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

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Other Functions
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Asia

Myanmar treatment of Rohingya called apartheid in new report

BANGKOK (AP)—Myanmar has subjected Rohingya Muslims to long-term discrimination and persecution that amounts to "dehumanizing apartheid," Amnesty International said Tuesday in a report that raises questions about what those who have fled a violent military crackdown would face if they returned home.

Since late August, more than 620,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state into neighboring Bangladesh, seeking safety from what the military described as "clearance operations." The United Nations and others have said the military's actions appeared to be a campaign of "ethnic cleansing," using acts of violence and intimidation and burning down homes to force the Rohingya to leave their communities.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said earlier this month that the world body considered it "an absolutely essential priority" to stop all violence against the Rohingya and allow them to return to their homes. They are now living in teeming refugee camps in a Bangladesh border district, and officials in Dhaka have also urged that Myanmar allow them to return with their safety assured.

AP

In this Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, photo, Rohingya Muslim children sit together in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh.

Amnesty International compiled two years' worth of interviews and evidence in its report, detailing how Rohingya lived within Myanmar, where they were subjected to a "vicious system of state-sponsored, institutionalized discrimination that amounts to apartheid," meeting the international legal definition of a crime against humanity.

Rohingya Muslims have faced state-supported discrimination in the predominantly Buddhist country for decades. Though members of the ethnic minority first arrived generations ago, Rohingya were stripped of their citizenship in 1982, denying them almost all rights and rendering them stateless. They cannot travel freely, practice their religion, or work as teachers or doctors, and they have little access to medical care, food or education.

Amnesty's report said the discrimination had worsened considerably in the last five years.

"I wanted to go to Sittwe hospital for medical treatment, but it's forbidden," Abul Kadir, 36, was quoted as telling the human rights group. "The hospital staff told me I couldn't go there for my own safety and said I needed to go to Bangladesh for treatment. It cost a lot of money."

Rohingya have fled en masse to escape persecution before. Hundreds of thousands left in 1978 and again in the early 1990s, though policies subsequently allowed many to return. Communal violence in 2012, as the country was transitioning from a half-century of dictatorship to democracy, sent another 100,000 fleeing by boat. Some 120,000 remain trapped in camps outside Rakhine's capital, Sittwe.

Rohingya were thought to number around 1 million people in Myanmar until late last year. That October, a Rohingya militant group killed several officers in attacks on police posts, and the military retaliation sent 87,000 Rohingya fleeing. A larger militant attack on Aug. 25 killed dozens of security forces, and the military response was swift and comprehensive.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Police: Woman confessed to putting babies in concrete in 90s

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese police say a woman went to a police station and confessed to putting four newborns in concrete-filled buckets two decades ago and having been filled with guilt over not caring for the babies. Police said 53-year-old Mayumi Saito was arrested Tuesday on charges of abandoning bodies, a day after she turned herself in at an Osaka police station. The official said human bones were identified in buckets found in her condominium. The police official requested anonymity due to department policy. Saito was quoted by police as saying she put the bodies into concrete from 1992 through 1997 because she had been too poor to raise them, but she had been filled with guilt. Saito had a part-time job, but details of her work and family were not available.

Seoul: 2 top North Korean military officers punished

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers Monday that North Korea has punished two of its top military officers, including one widely seen as its second-most powerful official, during a highly unusual inspection of the military's powerful political bureau. According to a lawmaker who attended the closed-door briefing by the National Intelligence Service, it said the inspection of the North Korean military's General Political Bureau was the first of its kind in 20 years and occurred because of its "impure" attitude, which it did not describe. The spy agency said it obtained intelligence that the head of the bureau, Vice Marshal Hwang Pyong So, his top deputy, Kim Wong Hong, and other officers were punished, according to the lawmaker, Kim Byung-kee. Hwang's position as the military's top political officer made him North Korea's second most powerful official after leader Kim Jong Un, according to many South Korean analysts. If he were to be removed, it could lead to a major shift in North Korea's secretive hierarchy of power.

US hits Taliban drug labs in Afghanistan under new strategy

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—American aircraft have targeted drug producing facilities in Afghanistan for the first time under a new strategy aimed at cutting off Taliban funding, the top U.S. general in the country said Monday. Gen. John Nicholson said the raids were carried out Sunday in the southern Helmand province, as part of the strategy unveiled by President Donald Trump in August. Afghan and American aircraft—including B-52 bombers dropping 2,000-pound bombs and F-22 attack planes—took part in the raids. Nicholson said the insurgents generate an estimated $200 million a year from poppy cultivation and opium production. In a news conference with the Afghan army chief of staff, Nicholson said the Taliban were becoming a criminal organization. "They fight so that they can keep profiting from narcotics trade and other criminal activities," he said. He added that there are 13 major drug trafficking organizations in Afghanistan, of which seven are in Helmand.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Harry Blalock dba Axe Murderer Tours, LLC	11/15/2017 SSLR-2017-X-014	Marine Sports Renewal – SCUBA	All Saipan Dive Sites	Shoreline, Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 11/15/2017
2. B&J Corporation dba Dive Y2K	11/15/2017 SLRm-2005-X-102	Marine Sports Renewal – SCUBA	All Saipan Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 11/16/2017
3. Saipan Aqua World, Inc.	11/20/2017 SLRm-2010-X-077	Marine Sports Renewal – Snorkel & Managaha Transfer	Managaha	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 11/21/2017
4. World Corporation dba Saipan World Resort	11/9/2017 SLR-2018-X-018	Saipan World Resort Waterfront Park	Susupe, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved - 11/15/2017
5. Calvary International Mission dba Agape Christian School	11/13/2017 SW-2018-X-019	Agape Christian School 3-story building and basketball court	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Wetland & Mangroves	Under Review*
6. American Sinopan, LLC dba Saipan Garden Resort	11/15/2017 SMS-2018-X-020	Construction of a hotel resort complex	Tanapag, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
7. Zen Homes, LLC	3/14/2017 SMS-2017-X-039	Construction of a four story apartment building	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved - 10/13/2017
8. Isa Villas Partners, LLC	9/20/2017 SMS-2017-X-111	Construction of a multi-family housing development	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved - 11/21/2017
9. Hui Tao Tsang dba Royal View Hotel	10/19/2017 SMS-2018-X-011	Construction of a five story hotel resort complex	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Certified Complete with conditions - 11/20/2017
10. Man Bao, Corp. dba Fantastic Garden Resort	11/1/2017 SMS-2018-X-016	Construction of three 3-story bread & breakfast hotel building	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Certified Complete with conditions - 11/20/2017
11. Yenny Tom dba Marianas Management Corporation	10/16/2017 SMS-2018-X-008	Construction of the Gualo Rai Office Park and federal courthouse	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Certified Complete with conditions - 11/20/2017

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World

His country a smoldering ruin, but Assad still in his seat

AP

In this image made from Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, video, Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, stands with Syria's President Bashar Assad in Sochi, Russia.

BEIRUT (AP)—His nation is a smoldering ruin, much of it held by rival armed factions, domestic or foreign. Half the population is displaced, and much of the West regards him as a tyrant and human rights abuser. But Syrian President Bashar Assad appears to have survived the war and is likely to hold onto power for the foreseeable future.

The sides in Syria's civil war are preparing for what will be the eighth round of U.N.-sponsored peace talks in Geneva intended to forge a path forward for a political transition to end the conflict. But barring any surprises, no negotiated resolution is likely to lead to Assad's ouster.

One reason is military. Assad's forces have had the momentum on the ground the past year, backed by an overwhelming Russian air campaign and fighters from Iran and Hezbollah. Assad's government now controls more than 50 percent of Syria.

Holding half the country normally wouldn't be an optimistic sign, but that's up from 19 percent earlier this year. His troops control Syria's four largest cities, 10 of Syria's 14 provincial capitals and its Mediterranean coast. Also, no force on the ground is capable of driving Assad out at this stage.

On the diplomatic front, the top supporters of the opposition, the United States and its allies, long ago backed off demands that any deal involve Assad's immediate removal. Now they are pushing for a plan for elections that could bring a new leader. But Assad's ally Russia now dominates the negotiating process, meaning there is little pressure on him to accept real elections. A political solution under his terms would be to incorporate opposition members into a national unity government under his leadership.

Assad's opposition is in disarray. The top opposition negotiator, Riyad Hijab, resigned on Monday, complaining that foreign powers were carving up Syria and brokering side deals to "prolong the life of Bashar Assad's regime." He leaves his post just two days before the opposition was to meet in Saudi Arabia to come up with a unified delegation and negotiating stance. Saudi Arabia has already signaled to the opposition it has to come to terms with Assad's survival.

Assad looks increasingly confident. Earlier this month, Assad's office posted on social media a photo of the president and the first lady, Asma, strolling through their Damascus palace courtyard, smiling at each other.

The picture is part of a propaganda campaign to project business as usual and confidence in the future. The presidency's Instagram account produces daily images of the first couple visiting with students, families of slain fighters, orphanages and bakeries.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in late October repeated Washington's call for Assad to surrender control, insisting that "the reign of the Assad family is coming to an end."

But turning that call into reality takes leverage that Washington doesn't appear ready to use.

In a joint statement released earlier this month, U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed that there is no military solution to the conflict in Syria. They made vague comments about Assad's "recent commitment to the Geneva process and constitutional reform and elections" as called for under a United Nations Security Council resolution.

There are few scenarios that could bring about Assad's fall. One would be if the U.S. struck a deal that convinced Russia to force Assad to accept a political transition that ensures his departure from the presidency. But it is hard to imagine what incentive the U.S. could give Moscow to dump its ally. Another scenario would be if the U.S. or other opposition backers reversed course and launched an all-out military drive against Assad.

"That requires massive escalation, restarting the war from scratch to roll back Assad's gains and creating an opposition that is both able to govern and acceptable to the international community," said Aron Lund, a fellow with the New York-based think tank The Century Foundation.

Argentina's navy says sounds didn't come from missing sub

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP)—Sounds detected by probes deep in the South Atlantic on Monday did not come from an Argentine submarine that has been lost for five days, the country's navy said Monday, dashing newfound hope among relatives of the 44 sailors aboard.

Navy spokesman Enrique Balbi told reporters that the "noise" was analyzed and experts determined it was likely "biological." He said the sounds did not come from tools being banged against the hull of a submarine as was previously reported by some media.

"We all had hope, but unfortunately this comes from believing sources that are not trustworthy," Balbi said. "Some sources were saying that this was banging on the hull in Morse code signals."

The noise was heard by two Argentine navy ships about 220 miles (360 kilometers) from the Argentine coast and at a depth of about 650 feet (200 meters). A U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon aircraft was sent to help in the effort to isolate the source of the sounds.

The ARA San Juan went missing Wednesday as it sailed from the extreme southern port of Ushuaia to the coastal city of Mar del Plata. More than a dozen international vessels and aircraft have joined the search, which has been hindered by stormy weather that has caused waves up to 20 feet (6 meters).

In the first confirmation of a malfunction, an Argentine navy official said earlier Monday that the submarine reported a battery failure Wednesday and was returning to base when it went missing.

Brief satellite calls over the weekend had originally been thought to indicate the crew was trying to re-establish contact, prompting emotional celebrations by family members and officials. But Balbi said earlier Monday that officials analyzed the seven low-frequency satellite signals and determined they were not received from the submarine.

Although the German-built diesel-electric vessel carried enough food, oxygen and fuel for the crew to survive about 90 days on the sea's surface, the sub had only enough oxygen to last seven days submerged, Balbi said.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis, a native of Argentina, said he was sending "fervent prayers" for the crew.

The U.S. Navy ordered its Undersea Rescue Command based in San Diego, California, to deploy to Argentina to support the search for the submarine. The command includes a remotely operated vehicle and vessels capable of rescuing people from bottomed submarines.

Pledges of help also came from Chile, Uruguay, Peru, Brazil and Britain, the latter sending a polar exploration vessel, HMS Protector.

Some relatives of the missing crew members took to social media Monday to ask for support during the search.

"Pray so that my husband, Fernando Santilli can return home," Jesica Gopar wrote. "He's in the San Juan submarine."

The submarine was originally scheduled to arrive Monday at the navy's base in Mar del Plata, which is about 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Buenos Aires. Argentine President Mauricio Macri met with family members at the base as they waited anxiously for news about their loved ones.

"We can make up a thousand movies with happy and sad endings, but the reality is that the days pass by and not knowing anything kills you," Carlos Mendoza, the brother of submarine officer Fernando Ariel Mendoza, told the AP.

"Every minute is oxygen that's worth gold."

WORLD BRIEFS

Impeachment of Zimbabwe's Mugabe set to begin

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Zimbabwe's ruling party is set to begin impeachment proceedings against longtime President Robert Mugabe, while a party official says government ministers have been instructed to boycott a Cabinet meeting called by the president. Ruling party chief whip Lovemore Matuke tells The Associated Press minutes before the Cabinet meeting is expected to start that ministers have been told to instead attend a meeting at party headquarters to work on the impeachment. Parliament resumes Tuesday. Mugabe's chief secretary on Monday summoned ministers to the Cabinet meeting at State House, the president's official residence. Mugabe is finding himself increasingly isolated. The military on Monday night said the vice president he recently fired, sparking the political turmoil, will return to Zimbabwe "shortly" and has made contact with Mugabe.

UN envoy says conflict likely if Palestinians fail to agree

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N.'s Mideast envoy warned Monday that if reconciliation talks between Palestinian rivals Fatah and Hamas fail there will most likely be "another devastating conflict." Nickolay Mladenov told the Security Council that "critical intra-Palestinian talks" are scheduled to open in Cairo on Tuesday. He said the Oct. 12 agreement between the rivals, aimed at restoring the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority's rule in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, started "a long road that could lead to reconciliation." But the U.N. special coordinator for the Middle East peace process warned of the consequences and likely conflict if the Hamas-Fatah agreement fails. "Whether it would be triggered by a meltdown of law and order in Gaza, by the reckless action of extremists or by strategic choice, the result will be the same — devastation and suffering for all," Mladenov said. "This cycle must be avoided at all costs." He said Palestinian leaders, Israel and the international community "have an important responsibility to advance the peace efforts." The rival factions must also first solve the humanitarian crisis for Gaza's two million residents and return the territory to full civilian and security control by the Palestinian Authority, Mladenov told the council by video conference from Jerusalem.

Good Housekeeping

TNS

There is one way you can leave your leaves and have your lawn, too: Mulch them. Mulching leaves isn't only easier than raking it's more environmentally sound.

Mulch, leaf mold, compost

»How to put autumn leaves to good use

By JESSICA DAMIANO
NEWSDAY

Leaves of red, yellow, orange and green color the autumn landscape with their vibrant, dramatic hues, compelling us to pull on soft, warm sweaters, pour a mug of hot cider and curl up with a good book. But when they leave their branchy homes and gently sway to the ground, the compulsion to grab a rake and head outdoors for hours of back-breaking labor erases the tranquility almost immediately. Why not just let them be?

For starters, if left in place until spring, those leaves will smother your lawn, depriving it of sunlight and air. And when the soggy, matted debris is cleared away, you'll be left with dead patches that will require reseeding. And that's the best-case scenario: Diseases like snow mold and brown patch, and all sorts of fungi thrive between leaf and lawn, and you'll find dealing with the aftermath is even more burdensome than raking would have been.

But there is one way you can leave your leaves and have your lawn, too: Mulch them. This is easier than it sounds, as it simply requires running your lawn mower over the leaves to shred them into little bits. Those bits will work their way between grass blades to the soil line, where they'll gradually decompose and even add nutrients to improve the health of your turf. If there are too many to leave on the lawn, you can run the mower over them and move the resulting mulch to your garden beds, where they'll serve the same function.

Mulching leaves isn't only easier than raking — it's more environmentally sound. Bagged-up yard debris adds nearly 33 million tons of solid waste to U.S. landfills each year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. And its decomposition under those conditions (without adequate oxygen) can result in a release of methane gas, which tends to heat up when exposed to sunlight and can result in a too-warm atmosphere — and that's not good for plants, wildlife or us.

Another problem caused by ignoring your leaves is that many of them would be carried by wind to our waterways, where they'd release excess nutrients and can throw the whole ecosystem out of balance.

If you aren't inclined to chop up leaves with your lawn mower, you might consider making leaf mold, an organic soil amendment and mulch that's especially useful in sandy soils due to its high moisture content. Simply create a pile of leaves, water it lightly and cover loosely with a tarp. Visit it once or twice over winter, stirring it up a bit. Come spring, you'll have partially decomposed nutrient-rich matter to add to garden beds and borders, or to sieve through steel mesh and add to potting mix. True leaf mold takes at least a year to develop, but this quick version will continue to break down after it's applied. It's almost like a shortcut to compost.

COOKING UP COMPOST

Speaking of compost, that's another lovely use for autumn leaves. Compost is the single best additive available for improving any type of soil. It improves the water-retention of sandy soil, improves the drainage of clay and imparts a bounty of nutrients. It's no wonder gardeners call it black gold.

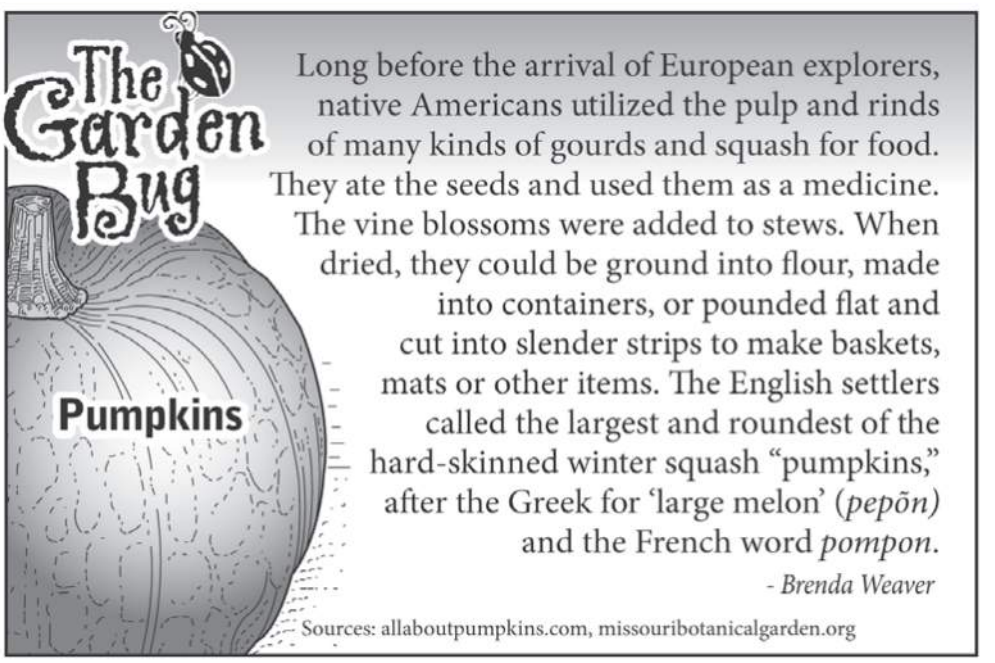
There are two components that make up compost: nitrogen-rich "greens," such as fresh grass clippings, coffee grounds and fruit and vegetable scraps, and carbon-rich "browns," such as newspapers, twigs, dryer lint and all those autumn leaves. The best compost is composed of a ratio of three parts "browns" to one part "greens." (Never include fats, like meat or fish table scraps, dairy products, oils, etc., diseased plants or weeds that have gone to seed in your pile. And never add materials that don't decompose, such as plastic or glass. Bird and rabbit droppings, and horse manure are OK, but kitty litter and dog poop are not. As a rule of thumb, excrement from carnivores is off-limits.)

To "cook" up a batch of compost, you'll need a place to do it. Options range from just piling up compost ingredients in a far corner of the backyard, to homemade contraptions that can be as utilitarian as a circular chicken-wire pen staked into the ground, to purchased bins or tumblers that can cost anywhere from $50 to $500, depending on how fancy you want to get.

Add your brown and green ingredients, and keep the pile slightly moist, sprinkling lightly with a hose whenever you add to it or notice it drying out. You can add to it all year long.

As ingredients break down, bacteria will heat the center of the pile first, so it's important to mix or turn the heap regularly to ensure even decomposition. This can be done with a pitchfork or garden spade on an open pile. Tumblers have a crank or weighted design that requires less exertion, but depending on the size and design of the unit, it still might require some muscle.

Finished compost can be added to new garden beds or vegetable plots about a month before planting, sprinkled over the lawn and gently raked in, added by the handful to planting holes or used as a top dressing around established plants, trees and shrubs.


The Garden Bug
Pumpkins
Long before the arrival of European explorers, native Americans utilized the pulp and rinds of many kinds of gourds and squash for food. They ate the seeds and used them as a medicine. The vine blossoms were added to stews. When dried, they could be ground into flour, made into containers, or pounded flat and cut into slender strips to make baskets, mats or other items. The English settlers called the largest and roundest of the hard-skinned winter squash "pumpkins," after the Greek for 'large melon' (pepõn) and the French word pompon.
- Brenda Weaver
Sources: allaboutpumpkins.com, missouribotanicalgarden.org

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Life & Style

Victoria's Secret China show struts on despite controversy

SHANGHAI (AP)—Gigi Hadid and Katy Perry didn't make it but the Victoria's Secret show in Shanghai managed to strut on Monday without them, surviving a controversy over visa issues and a model who slipped and fell during the show.

Fifty-five models walked the catwalk inside the Mercedes-Benz Arena, serenaded by Harry Styles, R&B star Miguel, Tony Award-winner Leslie Odom Jr. and Chinese singer Jane Zhang. Styles sang "Only Angel" and later "Kiwi."

Chinese media reported that Hadid and Perry were denied visas.

Bella Hadid, Gigi's sister, appeared in the second act of the show, donning blue feather wings, a black high-neck, push-up bra and topped off with hand painted leather gloves.

In a show segment titled "Goddess," Victoria's Secret models donned massive floor-sweeping silk wings with gold and silver sequined lingerie—and plenty of bling.

Model Lais Ribeiro was charged with the task of carrying 300 carats down the catwalk while sporting the Champagne Nights Fantasy Bra studded with 6,000 gemstones.

Designed by Mouawad, organizers said the bra valued at $2 million took nearly 350 hours to create. It features diamonds, yellow sapphires and blue topaz.

The show ended with a tribute to lingerie designs based on various ethnic and native origins—with models donning rainbow colored feathers and beaded jewelry.

Shanghai-native Ming Xi slipped and fell to her knees, saying afterward she felt "so disappointed with myself." A nearby model helped her up and she said many of the others asked if she was OK. "That's what Victoria's Secret is—everyone loves each other and we have the most beautiful family in the world."

In addition to Hadid, Xi and Ribeiro, the models included Adriana Lima, Alessandra Ambrosio, Candice Swanepoel, Karlie Kloss, Lily Aldridge, Elsa Hosk, Jasmine Tookes, Taylor Hill and Martha Hunt.

Hadid and Perry were scheduled to take part but bowed out just days before the show.

Hadid's no-show came a few months after Chinese internet users accused her of racist behavior. She had been seen squinting her eyes on an Instagram video.

Observers said Perry caused some controversy in China in 2015 for wearing a sunflower-adorned dress while performing in Taiwan. The flower is an emblem of the island's anti-China movement.

It is not uncommon for entertainers to be denied visas by Chinese authorities for political reasons.

The Global Times, an official newspaper of the ruling Chinese Communist Party, published a commentary on Monday titled "Victoria's Secret models' visa denial is of their own making."

The story named Hadid and Perry and said celebrities who want a piece of the booming Chinese market need to respect what it said were Chinese values.

"They are lifting a stone only to drop on their own feet due to their ignorance of these issues. Payback was unavoidable. Those who are serious about developing careers in the Chinese market can draw lessons from this case and learn to abide by the rules in China," the newspaper said.

Model Stella Maxwell wears a creation during the Victoria's Secret fashion show at the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Shanghai, China, Monday, Nov. 20, 2017.

AP

CBS suspends Rose, PBS halts his show following allegations

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlie Rose is the latest public figure to be felled by sexual misconduct allegations, with PBS halting distribution of his nightly interview show and CBS News suspending him Monday following a Washington Post report with the accusations of eight women.

The women, who all worked for Rose or tried to work for him, accused the veteran newsman of groping them, walking naked in front of them and telling one that he dreamed about her swimming nude.

Rose, 75, said in a statement that he was "deeply embarrassed" and apologized for his behavior.

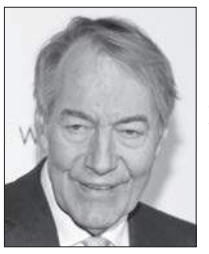
"PBS was shocked to learn today of these deeply disturbing allegations," the public broadcasting service said in a statement. "We are immediately suspending distribution of 'Charlie Rose.'"

Three women went on the record in the Post's deeply-reported story. Reah Bravo, a former associate producer for Rose's PBS show who began working for him in 2007, told the newspaper: "He was a sexual predator, and I was his victim." She said Rose groped her on multiple occasions and once, during a business trip to Indiana, called her to his hotel room where he emerged from a shower naked.

Kyle Godfrey-Ryan, one of Rose's former assistants, was 21 when she said Rose repeatedly called her to describe his fantasies of her swimming naked at the pool at his Long Island home while he watched from his bedroom. She said she was fired when Rose learned she had spoken to a mutual friend about his behavior.

Megan Creydt, who worked as a coordinator on Rose's PBS show in 2005 and 2006, told the newspaper that she was sitting in the passenger seat as Rose drove in Manhattan one day when he put his hand on her thigh. Five women interviewed by the Post described similar grabs to their legs in what many interpreted as an attempt to see their reactions.

Rose said that he has behaved insensitively at times "and I accept responsibility for that, though I do not believe that all of these allegations are accurate. I always felt that I was pursuing shared feelings, even though I now realize I was mistaken. I have learned a great deal as a result of these events, and I hope others will, too."


Rose

Rose's interview show is seen in 94 percent of the country on PBS stations. It is rebroadcast on Bloomberg's cable network, which also announced Monday it was suspending the show. He interviews a wide circle of people in the media, politics and entertainment—this month including Harvard President Drew Faust, rapper Macklemore and the Post's Robert Costa, who talked about that paper's sexual harassment investigation of Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore.

He also hosts "CBS This Morning" with Gayle King and Norah O'Donnell, a critically-acclaimed morning news programs which has been gaining the past few years on its better-known rivals. Rose also conducts interviews for "60 Minutes."

Despite his age and heart troubles in the past, Rose had been one of the busiest figures in television.

Two hours after the Post story went online, one of its authors, Amy Brittain, tweeted that "sadly, my inbox is already flooded with women who have had similar, disturbing encounters with Charlie Rose."

Rose owned his interview show, even though PBS distributed it, and that raised questions of what recourse women who had complaints about his behavior could do. The Post quoted Yvette Vega, his longtime executive producer, as saying she failed and deeply regretted not helping women who complained about his behavior.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Forbes names Beyonce music's highest-earning woman

NEW YORK (AP)—Forbes has crowned Beyonce as the highest paid woman in music. Forbes magazine says the singer earned $105 million over a yearlong period stretching from June 2016 to June of this year. Beyonce's earnings were boosted by her "Formation" world tour last year, which Forbes says grossed $250 million. Runner-up Adele also enjoyed a successful year on the road. Her tour helped contribute to $69 million in earnings. Taylor Swift, Celine Dion and Jennifer Lopez complete the top five highest female earners in the business. Dolly Parton is a surprising sixth. Forbes says the 71-year-old brought in $37 million with the help of 63 shows during the yearlong period.

Harrison Ford comes to the rescue after car accident

SANTA PAULA, Calif. (AP)—Harrison Ford came to the real-life rescue of a woman who was involved in a car accident north of Los Angeles. Santa Paula, California, police tell the Ventura County Star that the actor and a friend were in the area when a car rolled off a highway in the small town Sunday around noon. Senior Officer Matt Alonzo says Ford and the friend came to the driver's aid and acted as good Samaritans. He says Ford and other people on scene were able to help the woman out of the car. She suffered minor injuries. TMZ published pictures Sunday of Ford standing by the car on the side of a hill and talking with police.

Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z lead NAACP Image Award nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z are the leading nominees with five apiece for January's NAACP Image Awards, the group announced Monday.

Blige's nominations are for songs and videos off her album "Strength of a Woman," while Jay-Z was nominated for his "4:44" album and songs on it, as well as a nod for entertainer of the year. Bruno Mars, Issa Rae, Chance the Rapper, Chadwick Boseman and director Ava DuVernay are also nominated for entertainer of the year. Bruno Mars, Issa Rae, Kendrick Lamar, and SZA are tied for the second-most nominations, with four apiece. Netflix and Oprah Winfrey's network are the leading television nominees. Netflix's nominees were spread out over several of its series, including "Master of None," ''Orange is the New Black," while OWN's nominations were primarily for its drama series, "Queen Sugar."

The awards show, now in its 49th year, honors entertainers and writers of color. The winners will be announced during a two-hour show on Jan. 15 hosted by Anthony Anderson of "black-ish" and broadcast live on the TV One network. Anderson is also a nominee for best TV comedy actor. "Get Out," ''Girls Trip," and "Detroit" are among the nominees for best motion picture. Idris Elba is the leading acting nominee, with nominations for his film roles in "The Mountain Between Us," ''Thor: Ragnorak" and for the Showtime miniseries "Guerrilla."

Germany: police arrest man over stolen John Lennon objects

BERLIN (AP)—German police say they have arrested a man suspected of handling stolen objects from the estate of John Lennon, including diaries. Berlin police said the 58-year-old suspect, whom they didn't identify, was arrested in the German capital on Monday. They said another suspect lives in Turkey and is currently "not available" for law enforcement authorities, without elaborating. Police said in a statement that the objects, including diaries written by the late Beatle, were stolen from Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, in New York in 2006. They reappeared in Berlin, and authorities this year launched an investigation of suspected fraud and handling stolen goods and the objects were seized.

Pink: Christina Aguilera 'killed it' with AMA performance

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pink is shooting down any suggestion that she was critical of Christina Aguilera's tribute performance of Whitney Houston hits during Sunday night's American Music Awards. A cutaway shot to Pink's reaction during Aguilera's medley on the ABC broadcast had Twitter users buzzing that Pink was less than impressed with Aguilera's performance. Pink wrote on Twitter that Aguilera "killed it" for one of the stars' "favorite singers ever." She added that she is in "awe of Christina's talent" and suggested other clips would show her "in tears" while Aguilera sang. Pink has had a rocky relationship at times over the years with Aguilera, but she said in August that she and Aguilera had "made amends."

Fiance refuses to vacate house for girls' weekend

DEAR ABBY: I live with my fiance, and we are being married in eight months. When I asked him if he would go and stay with his parents or some friends on a weekend when my girlfriend comes into town so we can have girl time, he got highly offended and said he isn't leaving "his" house. I pay more than he does in rent, and I don't feel I should have to rent a separate place.

He doesn't understand girl time: drinking wine, watching chick-flicks and talking about our lives. I want to dedicate all my time that weekend to being a good friend, but he doesn't get it. I have told him that if he ever wanted me to go stay with friends or visit my parents so he could have a guys' weekend, I would have no problem with it. Am I asking for too much?

NEEDS GIRL TIME IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NEEDS: Yes. I think expecting your fiance to leave when your girlfriend comes to visit is a bit much. Do you plan to make the same request after you are married? Regardless of who pays more rent, the house is home to both of you.

I would think that the idea of being subjected to one of your "girls' weekends"—the wine, the chick-flicks, the gossip—would motivate him to make other plans. However, because he is unwilling, you and your girlfriend should consider splitting the cost of a hotel room for the weekend, which might be more enjoyable for all three of you.

DEAR ABBY: Over the last 13 years in his job, my husband developed a "very friendly" relationship with a clerical person. Now that he has retired, she wants to continue it by meeting with him (and me) for dinner. We have had dinner together once, and when they began to talk shop, I became the odd one out.

Although I interjected myself into the conversation, it was clear there is real feeling between them. He says she's "just so nice." She continues to send emails addressed to both of us and asks me (since he is not computer savvy) to relay that she misses him greatly and he was her "ray of sunshine" every day when he would walk in the office.

Should I be worried, jealous or envious? It is only now I have become aware that she was so important to my husband at work. I had no knowledge about their relationship before.

UNCERTAIN IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNCERTAIN: I don't think you have anything to worry about. That the conversation at dinner revolved around the office is not surprising. The office and the job were the basis of their relationship. Because she's sending emails addressed to both of you, I doubt she's trying to slip anything past you or make a play for your husband. Be patient, and with time, I suspect she will adjust to the loss of her "ray of sunshine."

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without sharing the traditional prayer penned by my dear late mother:

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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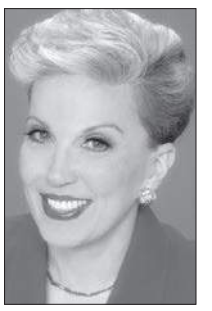

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That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
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22 Gift tag word
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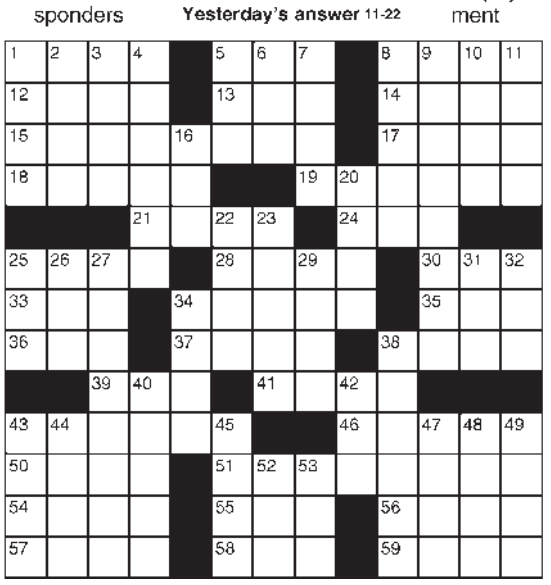

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Emotions mixed with anger and frustration will take you down a dark path. Use discipline and intelligence to maneuver your way through any situation you face at work or at home. Positive changes will be the result of smart moves. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Stay focused on what you are trying to accomplish. If you let anger take over, you will not meet your deadline. It's important to keep a clear head and your destination in view. Make peace and love a priority. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Learn from the mistakes you see others make. Don't get angry or frustrated by what's going on around you, just be grateful that you are smart enough to deal with anything that might be to your detriment. Do your own thing. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Unusual opportunities will open up if you attend a function geared toward mingling and sharing ideas. Partnerships are favored, but impulsive decisions are not. Take care of pertinent facts and details by yourself. Personal gains will be apparent. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Remain calm even if a friend, peer or someone you have to deal with frustrates you. Getting angry or putting pressure on someone will not help you get what you want. Focus on helping others or simply doing the work on your own. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Dance to your own beat. Don't feel the need to follow others or get involved in joint ventures that are iffy. Use common sense and make plans that will benefit you. Personal improvements and romance are highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Problems at home will mount if you let someone manipulate you emotionally. Be direct when it comes to what you want and you will avoid being taken for granted. Intelligence coupled with a friendly push will help you maintain equality. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Work at making changes at work or at home. Putting in a little bit of extra effort can make a big difference in how successful you are. Be willing to go the extra mile to keep the peace. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You can make a difference if you follow through with your plans. Taking action will show others that you mean business and are reliable. Don't waste time arguing -- be the person who does what's required. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Emotional turmoil will throw you off your game. Try to remain calm and follow your plans one step at a time. Someone from your past will offer something that tempts you. Romance will enhance your personal life. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Falcons soar past Seahawks, stay in playoff race

SEATTLE (AP) — Matt Ryan threw a pair of touchdown passes, Adrian Clayborn returned a fumble 10 yards for a score and the Atlanta Falcons held off a late rally to beat the Seattle Seahawks 34-31 on Monday night.

Atlanta stayed in the hunt for an NFC playoff spot thanks to its second straight victory and handed Seattle a second consecutive home loss. Ryan threw TDs to Mohamed Sanu and Levine Toilolo, while Tevin Coleman added a 1-yard TD run on Atlanta's opening possession. But it was Clayborn's fumble return that helped break the game open early in the second quarter and gave Atlanta a 21-7 lead. He scooped up a loose ball after Russell Wilson was crunched by Takk McKinley and Courtney Upshaw.

Seattle attempted a late rally down by 11 points. Wilson hit Doug Baldwin on a 29-yard TD with 3 minutes left, and Seattle got in range for a long field goal attempt by Blair Walsh in the closing moments, but his 52-yard attempt with 2 seconds left came up short and Atlanta escaped with the victory.

Wilson again was the entirety of Seattle's offense, throwing for 258 yards and two touchdowns, and running for another 86 yards and a TD.

But it was an awful night for the Seahawks, filled with more injuries and questionable decisions by coach Pete Carroll. He called for a fake field goal late in the first half rather than attempting a 35-yard kick. He also made a questionable challenge in the fourth quarter that didn't go his way and left Seattle with just one timeout.

That lack of timeouts came back to haunt Seattle on the final drive when seconds ticked away and rather than running one more play, Walsh was sent out to attempt the 52-yard kick. His long for the season is 49 yards.

The conclusion only amplified Carroll's baffling decision at the end of the first half, when Seattle ran a fake field goal rather than having Walsh attempt a 35-yarder that would have pulled Seattle within 24-20. Holder Jon Ryan completed his shovel pass to Luke Willson, but Grady Jarrett read the play and tackled Willson for a 4-yard loss.

Seattle played a game for the first time since the end of the 2010 season without Richard Sherman. His streak of 99 consecutive starts in the regular season was snapped because of a torn Achilles tendon suffered against Arizona. The Seahawks were also without safety Kam Chancellor because of a neck injury, leaving their vaunted secondary with several new faces.

Ryan was more than happy to pick on a defense without those anchors. He was 19 of 27 passing for 195 yards and rarely faced pressure. Seattle had one sack, and the Falcons went 9 of 14 on third-down conversions.

Sanu made a great one-handed grab for a 2-yard touchdown in the first quarter. Ryan found Toilolo on a 25-yard TD in the third quarter to give Atlanta a 31-20 lead. Matt Bryant added a 19-yard field goal with 3:49 left to put the Falcons ahead by 11, and Wilson's late heroics weren't enough.

Seattle's injury woes continued. The Seahawks lost rookie cornerback Shaquill Griffin to a concussion on the second play of the game, forcing newly signed veteran Byron Maxwell into a more prominent role than expected.

Early in the second half, promising running back Mike Davis was lost to a groin injury after taking a screen pass 21 yards. Davis had two receptions and had carried six times for 18 yards before getting hurt. Seattle also lost starting guard Oday Aboushi in the fourth quarter with a shoulder injury.

Atlanta got a scare when safety Keanu Neal was checked for a concussion in the first half. He was cleared to return.

AP

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, center, gets off a pass as he is hit by Atlanta Falcons' Adrian Clayborn (99) as Vic Beasley moves in in the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, in Seattle. The Falcons won, 34-31.

Saints' season starting to resemble 2009 title run

NEW ORLEANS (AP)— New Orleans coach Sean Payton said he had "no idea" who invited former receiver Robert Meachem to serve as honorary captain for a game that brought back memories of the greatest season in Saints history.

"I think that was more coincidence," said Payton, who also agreed it would be "very fair" to compare New Orleans' stunning fourth-quarter comeback against Washington on Sunday to another wild overtime win against the Redskins in 2009—a game in which Meachem scored two pivotal touchdowns for a team that would go on to win the Super Bowl.

Indeed, those seasons are starting to look increasingly alike. There has been a long winning streak comprised mostly of convincing victories, along with a memorable comeback against the franchise from the nation's capital.

Whether the 2017 campaign brings another title to New Orleans remains to be seen. Yet there's no denying that these first-place Saints are enjoying heady times as they ride an eight-game winning streak into the climactic final six weeks of the regular season.

"It is surreal to be in the moment with some of the guys in this locker room and I just try to cherish these moments because it's been a good ride," said tight end Josh Hill, who scored the first of two late touchdowns that wiped out a 15-point deficit in the final minutes of a 34-31 overtime victory on Sunday. "We're looking to continue this, so I'm just trying to stay in the moment and feed off this momentum."

Hill was in college at Idaho State when the Saints won the Super Bowl and still two years away from turning pro when New Orleans won eight straight to finish 13-3 in 2011. But Hill remembers watching those Drew Brees-led teams on television. And now, in his fifth NFL season, Hill is now experiencing firsthand a similar run with the same record-setting quarterback.

"To have the series of events happen the way they did (against Washington) was something else," Hill said Monday. "The stadium was electric. Guys were playing for each other and it was just fun. You could just feel the positivity from the entire team. When you feel that, you know you have something special."

The 2017 Saints are relying more on younger players in prominent roles than the veteran-laden 2009 squad did. Brees was quick to point that out, but also added: "You're watching this thing come together before your very eyes."

"We're playing with a ton of confidence and we feel like we have a ton of momentum," Brees said. "You feel like you can win anywhere, anytime, and any way."

Payton said he doesn't get out much during the season, but having lived in New Orleans since 2006, he's had enough interactions with fans to sense the energy surrounding his team now.

"The fans are passionate and I think they feel like we are always in a game and there's that resiliency, and maybe in years past they didn't feel that way," Payton said, referring to the previous three seasons, each of which ended with 7-9 records. "That excitement that's generated from a game like that at home is something certainly you sense."

When the Saints came back to beat Redskins in overtime eight years ago , the game was in Washington. Meachem played an enormous role. He scored a 44-yard touchdown when he ripped the ball away from a Redskins defender during an interception return. He also caught a tying 53-yard touchdown pass in the final minute—but only after the Redskins missed a routine field goal that could have sealed a different result.

The Saints then got a turnover in overtime to set up a field goal for a 33-30 triumph.

Yankees raise available money for Ohtani to $3.5M

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees raised their available signing bonus money for Japanese star Shohei Ohtani to $3.5 million, acquiring $250,000 in pool money from the Miami Marlins on Monday for left-hander Caleb Smith and first baseman Garrett Cooper.

New York has the second-highest total of available international signing bonus money behind the Texas Rangers at $3,535,000. Minnesota is third at $3,245,000, followed by Pittsburgh ($2,266,750), Seattle ($1,557,500) and Miami ($1.49 million).

Right-hander Michael King also went to New York as part of the trade. In addition, the Yankees dealt right-hander Ronald Herrera to the Rangers for left-hander Reiver Sanmartin, creating more room on the 40-man roster ahead of next month's winter meeting draft of unprotected players.

New York selected the contracts of infielder Gleyber Torres, outfielder Billy McKinney and right-handers Albert Abreu, Domingo Acevedo and Jonathan Loaisiga, along with infielder Thairo Estrada, protecting them from the draft.

Cooper was acquired from Milwaukee on July 13 and made his big league debut the following day. He hit .326 (14 for 43) in 13 games for the Yankees, including a four-hit game at Toronto on Aug. 6, and had five doubles, a triple and six RBI. The 26-year-old batted .359 in 83 games at Double-A and Triple-A with 18 homers and 84 RBI.

Smith, also 26, made his big league debut with the Yankees on July 17 and was 0-1 with a 7.71 ERA in two starts and seven relief appearances. He was 9-1 with a 2.39 ERA in 17 starts and one relief appearance at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with 97 strikeouts and 28 walks.

The 22-year-old Herrera also made his big league debut, allowing two runs over three innings in a pair of relief appearances on June 14 and 29. He was 8-1 with a 1.91 ERA in 14 starts this year at the Rookie League Gulf Coast Yankees, Double-A Trenton and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

King, 22, was 11-9 with a 3.14 ERA in 25 starts and one relief appearance at Class A Greensboro, striking out 106 and walking 21 in 149 innings.

The 21-year-old Sanmartin was 7-2 with a 2.45 ERA in 11 starts and three relief appearances with Class A Spokane and Hickory.

Kyrie scores 47, Celtics extend streak to 16

DALLAS (AP)— Double-digit deficits are becoming just a minor annoyance to the Boston Celtics as they continue their winning ways.

Kyrie Irving scored 10 of his season-high 47 points in overtime as the Celtics rallied from 13 points down in the fourth quarter to beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-102 on Monday night and extend their winning streak to 16 games.

The winning streak ties the fourth-longest in franchise history, and for the third game in a row, Boston trailed by double digits.

In contrast to recent wins over Golden State and Atlanta, this one required a fourth quarter comeback. For that, the Celtics turned to Irving, who delivered his best performance for his new team after Dallas had taken an 87-74 lead with 7:47 to play.

"For us it's just about battling back when teams get a comfortable rhythm, whether it'd be in the first half or the second half," Irving said. "As a group we continue just to stick together throughout anything and everything."

Irving stole the ball from Dirk Nowitzki and fed Jayson Tatum for an alley-oop lay-up that hung on the rim for a full second before dropping through with 1:01 to play to tie the score at 96.

In the extra period, Irving scored his team's first six points. Then after Jaylen Brown gave Boston a 104-102 lead with a jumper with 1:39 to play, Irving went to work on Yogi Ferrell, backing him down and drawing contact on a lay-up with 48.5 seconds to play. Though Irving missed the free throw to keep the score 106-102, Dallas never got closer.

"I don't really see it as a pressure situation," Irving said of his late-game play. "It's just like playing basketball, man. It's just like being in a park 7-7 and game is eight."

Harrison Barnes scored 31 points and Wesley Matthews had 18 for Dallas, which came back from an early double-digit deficit as the Celtics went cold for much of the second and third quarters. Barnes missed a jumper with less than a second to go in regulation that could have won it for Dallas, which fell to 3-15.

"We just needed to make a couple more plays at key times," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "Probably just one more key play in the last minute or minute and a half. That would have been the difference."

Brown finished with 22 for Boston. He and Irving combined to go 24-for-35 while the rest of the Celtics went 14-for-49.

The Mavericks fell behind by as many as 15 points in the first half, outscoring the Celtics 55-35 over the second and third quarters.

Similar to recent home games against Cleveland and San Antonio, the Mavericks fought one of the NBA's best teams until the end, getting their home crowd into it. But the Mavericks have three close losses to show for those efforts and perhaps are unfairly saddled with the league's worst record.

"At the end of the day, it's got to show up in wins and losses," Barnes said. "There are no moral victories around here. Tonight was playing against a great team, and a great opportunity to win here in front of our home fans. We let it slip away.

Cavaliers 116, Pistons 88

In Detroit, LeBron James scored 16 of his 18 points in the first quarter, and Cleveland made 11 3-pointers in the first half in its rout of Detroit.

Cleveland led 73-46 at halftime thanks to an overwhelming shooting performance, an indication that Detroit's stay atop the Central Division might not last much longer. The Pistons still lead the Cavs by a game, but Cleveland has won five straight and scored at least 110 points in eight of its last nine.

The Cavaliers led 27-22 when James went to the bench late in the first quarter. By the time he came back in, it was 50-30. Cleveland's reserves ended up outscoring Detroit's 26-8 in the first half.

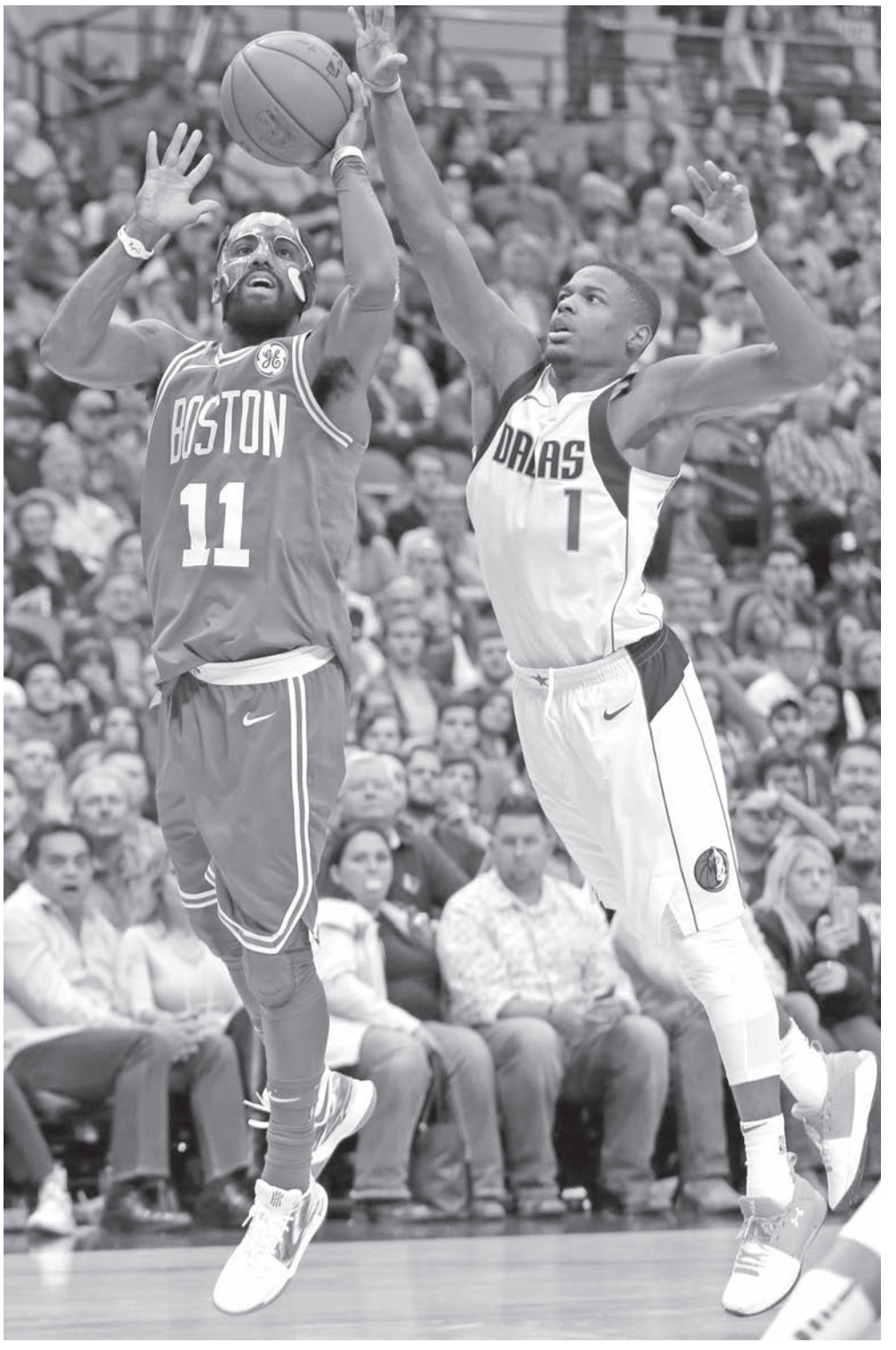
The Cavs shot 62 percent from the field in the first two quarters and 11 of 17 from 3-point range. They finished the game 16 of 33 from beyond the arc. Cleveland led 101-62 after three, and the top players for both teams had plenty of time to rest in the final period.

Pelicans 114, Thunder 107

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 36 points and 15 rebounds, and New Orleans rallied after DeMarcus Cousins' ejection to beat Oklahoma City.

Cousins had 18 points and nine rebounds before he was called for a flagrant foul on Russell Westbrook with five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Cousins raised his elbows near Westbrook's face after grabbing a rebound, and the Thunder guard dropped to the floor holding his head. Westbrook remained in the game and finished with 22 points, 16 rebounds, 12 assists and three steals. However, Westbrook also missed 13 of 19 shots.



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Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving (11) gets past Dallas Mavericks' Dennis Smith Jr. for a shot in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, in Dallas.

New Orleans trailed 76-72 when Cousins was ejected but surged ahead soon after with an 11-3 run during which Jameer Nelson, E'Twaun Moore and Darius Miller each hit 3s, with Nelson's banking in from near half-court as the shot clock expired.

Spurs 96, Hawks 85

In San Antonio, LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and San Antonio held off Atlanta.

Atlanta lost its 20th straight game in San Antonio, a skid spanning 20 years.

Manu Ginobili had 16 points and Danny Green had 14 for the Spurs, who have won four of five. Kyle Anderson added 13 points, 10 assists and six rebounds in his 17th start in place of injured All-Star Kawhi Leonard.

Aldridge powered the Spurs past the pesky Hawks, scoring 12 points with six rebounds in the fourth quarter.

Aldridge saved the ball from going out of bounds after blocking Kent Bazemore's shot and then raced downcourt for a driving, one-handed dunk that gave San Antonio a 78-71 lead with nine minutes remaining.

76ers 107, Jazz 86

In Philadelphia, Ben Simmons scored 27 points, a fired-up Joel Embiid added 15 points and 10 rebounds despite a sore knee, and Philadelphia beat cold-shooting Utah.

Embiid skipped the morning shootaround because of pain his surgically-repaired left knee. But he posted his seventh double-double and got under Utah's skin in the fourth quarter.

After swatting away rookie Donovan Mitchell's layup, Embiid turned and said something to the fallen Mitchell, who got up and shoved Embiid to the floor. Mitchell drew a technical foul.

Embiid got up and motioned to the fans, who started to chant "MVP" and "Trust the Process," the team's mantra during a lengthy rebuild. Embiid got a standing ovation as he exited with 1:50 left in Philadelphia's second win in five games.

Wizards 99, Bucks 88

In Milwaukee, Bradley Beal scored 23 points to lead Washington over Milwaukee.

Beal helped the Wizards separate from the Bucks with a personal 7-0 run late in the third quarter. Washington then outscored Milwaukee 13-4 to start the fourth, building an 86-70 advantage.

The win snapped a two-game skid for the Wizards, who were playing on back-to-back days for the first time this season.

Milwaukee has lost two consecutive games to fall back to .500 at 8-8 after rattling off a four-game winning streak following the trade for Eric Bledsoe.

Knicks 107, Clippers 85

In New York, Kristaps Porzingis scored 25 points and New York extended Los Angeles' losing streak to nine games.

Porzingis outplayed a frustrated Blake Griffin and helped the Knicks snap a 10-game skid in the series with their first victory over the Clippers in five years.

Doug McDermott added 16 points for the Knicks, including a 3-pointer that swung the momentum for good midway through the third quarter.

Griffin scored 21 points but shot just 6 for 17, picked up a technical foul and fouled out with 4:46 remaining. The Clippers (5-11) still haven't won since Nov. 1 at Dallas, when they improved to 5-2.

Pacers 105, Magic 97

In Orlando, Victor Oladipo had 29 points, nine rebounds and seven steals to lead Indiana past Orlando, the Pacers' fourth straight win.

Oladipo, who played his first three NBA seasons in Orlando, and Bojan Bogdanovic combined for 40 points in the second half, 14 of them during a 16-3 third-quarter run that put the Pacers in command.

Bogdanovic scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half.

Nikola Vucevic had 25 points and 13 rebounds for the Magic, who lost their fifth straight. Aaron Gordon had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Hornets 118, Timberwolves 102

In Charlotte, Dwight Howard had 25 points and 20 rebounds, and Charlotte beat Minnesota.

Howard, acquired in an offseason trade from Atlanta, was 8 for 10 from the field and 9 of 14 at the foul line, where he has struggled all season. He outplayed Timberwolves big man Karl-Anthony Towns, who had 18 points and 12 rebounds as Minnesota lost on back-to-back nights.

Howard, the NBA's active leader in 20-20 games with 49, became the first Hornets player to accomplish the feat since Al Jefferson in 2013.

Trail Blazers 100, Grizzlies 92

In Memphis, C. J. McCollum scored 24 points and Damian Lillard added 21 points as Portland sent Memphis to its fifth straight loss.

Shabazz Napier added 16 points, while Noah Vonleh finished with 11 points and 18 rebounds for Portland, which won its second straight and fourth in the last five.

Mario Chalmers led Memphis with 21 points, while Tyreke Evans finished with 20. Marc Gasol had 19 points and 12 rebounds, but was 7 of 20 from the floor, part of the Grizzlies shooting 38 percent for the game, and 27 percent from outside the arc.

NMA Turkey Trot tomorrow

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The Mt. Tapochau Turkey Trot, the Northern Marianas Athletics' signature event for November, will have its 33rd staging tomorrow with seasoned and recreational runners expected to join the early morning race on Thanksgiving Day.

The run begins in Lower Base, near the Tanapag Harbor area and participants will make their way out to Middle Road and toward Isa Drive to take on the first challenge of the winding road going up to Capital Hill. Runners will then turn right on the road leading to Mt. Tapochau, before the Retirement Building. The run escalates when they reach the foot of Saipan's highest peak and begin their ascent on the rocky terrain. The challenge of the 4.2-mile race builds up as they go further the snaking course toward the finish on top of Mt. Tapochau, adjacent to the stairs leading to the concrete image of Jesus.

Registration begins at 5am with $10 fees for adults and $5 for U18 runners. Participants have an hour to warm up as the race starts at 6am.

Age categories that are up for grabs are U12, U17, Open, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 over.

The top runners in each age division will get turkeys, courtesy of Joeten Enterprises, while the first men's and women's will receive gift certificates provided by event sponsors. All participants—who could either run, walk, and crawl—are also qualified for the raffle where exciting prizes are up for grabs.

Saipan Swim Club members, Agape Christian School students, Trench Tech fighters, and other local groups are expected to join the annual race.

Charlie Sendin topped last year's race with a time of 40:23 to join the ranks of former winners Keith Longuski, Mamiko Berger, Stuart Smith, and Eli Torgeson. Torgeson, based on *Saipan Tribune's* archives, owns the fastest time in the Turkey Trot after finishing the 2008 edition of the race in 34:20 and breaking Smith's 36:46 in 2006.

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Salvi Villanueva, left, and Tania Tan are seen here a few steps away from completing last year's 32nd Annual Mt. Tapochau Turkey Trot Run.

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the women's Points Race silver in the 2007 Asian Cycling Championships in Nakhon Ratchasima in Thailand behind China's Li Yan. Satomi Wadami of Japan clinched the bronze.

The Hong Kong biker also won the silver medal in the women's Points Race in the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou, China despite taking a fall early in the race and suffering a fractured rib and having bruises on her arms and knees. She settled for the bronze in the 2014 edition in Incheon, South Korea.

Wong also earned the No. 1 world ranking in the 2013-2014 Track Points Race, while also placing 15th in the World Cup the same year. She won the gold medal in a Manchester race in 2013 and is a four-time bronze medalist (2011 to 2014) in the Sliver Asia Championship.

Her other achievements included winning the Points Race in the Launceston Carnival in Tasmania, placing third in the International Track Challenge in Vienna and Australia both in 2008, and topping the Individual Pursuit and Points Race in the 2013 ACC Track Asia Cup in Thailand.

Wong also won the Individual Pursuit and Points Race in the 2014 Hong Kong International Track Cup then joined Meng Zhaojuan, Pang Yao, and Yang Qianyu to the title victory in the Team Pursuit. Their team also placed third in the Asian Track Championship in the 2014 Track Asia Cup and prevailed in the Individual Pursuit and Points Race categories.

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off. Bernadette Horey faltered on her shot, while Jeraldine Castillo scored to keep Paire in the game. However, a miss from Jerlyn Castillo sealed the doom for Paire.

The loss in the Division A finals was a double black eye for Paire, which earlier fell short in the Division B title match, losing to Shirley's, 1-2, also in a shootout.

Meanwhile, Kanoa also triumphed in the consolation matches in Divisions A and B last Friday.

In the battle for third place in Division A, Kanoa-1 eased past Shirley's, 4-1. Mikky Vargas and Paulynn Joyce drilled two goals apiece for Kanoa-1 with the former getting her pair in the ninth and 33rd minute and the latter posting them in the 23rd and 25th minute. Diana Maniacop gave Shirley's its lone goal when she scored in the 32nd minute.

While Kanoa-1 had an easier time winning the third place trophy, Kanoa had to go through a shootout to prevail against MY Pros in their Division B game, 1-0. Jenny Lee made the winning shot for Kanoa.

The Kanoa-MY Pros tiff went to a shootout after Marinel Falalimpa nailed the equalizer for the former in the 28th minute. Six minutes earlier, Natalie Hill put MY Pros on the board.

Saipan triathletes among Rota Blue finishers

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Saipan bets also completed the grueling course of last Saturday's 23rd Rota Blue Triathlon with familiar faces winning in their respective divisions.

Manny Sitchon was the lone representative from Saipan that joined the long course and placed second behind Kazuei Murayama of Japan in the men's over 60 age group. The 62-year-old Murayama was 13th overall and topped his age group after clocking in at 13:41 in the shortened swim course, 3:02:35 in the bike, and 2:36:02 in the bike for a total of 5:52:18. Sitchon, who is two years younger than Murayama, came in second at 6:06:53. He timed in at 13:05 in the swim, which was the fourth fastest but lagged behind in the bike (3:16:45), and was just a minute behind Murayama in the run after recording 2:37:03.

Nobuyuki Kamagata, 61, also of Japan rounded out the Top 3 with a combined time of 6:13:53 (16:25 swim, 3:06:33 bike, and 2:50:55 run).

Florence Antonio, meanwhile, led Saipan finishers in the short course after placing seventh overall at 2:32:14, while Paul Plunkett ruled the over 50 division with his 2:34:55. Rota's Malcolm Johnson topped the U30 division as the 28-year-old logged 2:39:53. Heather Brook (2:39:58) was the third best in the women's open, while Claire Seelinger Devey (2:50:34) came in at fourth, and Ricky Castro (2:51:50) placed second in the men's over 40.

In other results, Japan's Yuki Taniguchi (5:45:26), Daisuke Sato (5:50:14), and Takahiro Sha (5:48:28) ruled the over 30, 40, and 50 age groups.

Satoshi Oda (6:21:45) and Ryota Ito (6:32:50) completed the Top 3 in the men's over 30, while Hiromu Shimada (6:28:02) and Tetsu Kurusu (6:52:11) joined Sha in the podium in the over 40 division. Haruka Ota (female over 30, 6:54:10), Kazuhide Iwasaki (male over 50, 6:55:22), and Takeshi Izyuin (male over 50, 7:01:49) were the other age group finishers.

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Saipan finishers, from left, Heather Brook, Claire Seelinger Devey, Manny Sitchon, and Ricky Castro enjoy a light moment after conquering the grueling course in the 23rd Rota Blue Triathlon held last Saturday.

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medley relay after clocking in at 3:33.64. Brilliant Star and WSR timed in at 3:38.25 and 3:40.89, respectively, to place second and third.

Braxton added 7 markers to the Eagles' tally when she submitted 1:08.24 in the U8's 50m backstroke for a runner-up finish behind SIS' Phoenix Gross (1:07.02). The 7-year-old Braxton also raced in the 50m freestyle and this time she won the event after registering 55.14 seconds. She was the lone swimmer in her division to make the under one-minute cut, as runner-up and Koblerville's Leia Pangelinan posted 1:12.14, and Gross and Brilliant Star's Sari Barman recorded 1:12.40 and 1:14.16, respectively.

The Eagles ruled five more individual events with Eunice Nicole Pagaduan prevailing in the 9 to 12's 50m freestyle (42.52 seconds); Jim topping the U10's 200m freestyle (3:25.87); Dangol lording it over in the U10's 200m individual medley (2:58.99) and 50m butterfly (36.13 seconds); and Miller winning the U8's 100m freestyle (1:48.48).

Miller then teamed up with Dangol, Pagaduan, and Jessica Ma in the mixed U10's 200m freestyle relay and the foursome registered 2:57.36 to beat Brilliant Star (3:15.32) and WSR (3:20.06).

In other individual results in the elementary division, SIS got two more first place finishes, courtesy if Christian Newman and Alex Kim. The 10-year-old Newman bested 10 other swimmers in the 9 to 12's 50m freestyle after checking in at 46.74 seconds, while Kim did the 50m breaststroke and logged 49.71 seconds.

WSR earned four top finishes with two of them coming from Raven Pascual and one from his brother Rafael. The 7-year-old Raven first won the U8's 50m backstroke (1:06.35) and then ruled the 50m freestyle (46.28 seconds), while Rafael prevailed in the 50m butterfly (1:25.06). Maria Batallones handed WSR its other first place finish after racing in the girls 9 to 12's 50m breaststroke (47.33 seconds).

For Brilliant Star, Savita Sikkel delivered in the girls 9 to 10's 50m butterfly (54.46 seconds) and defeated five other swimmers, while his brother Moshe won the U8's 50m breaststroke (1:07.70).

Meanwhile, results in the middle school and high school divisions will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Thursday edition.

2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League Festival

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A Southern United FC player, right, battles two members of Shirley's FC for possession during their coed U8 game in the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League Festival held last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

A TanHoldings FC player, second left, tries to keep the ball away from two Kanoa FC members while his teammate looks on during their coed U10 match.

A Kanoa FC player, left, duels a MP United member for possession.

The Shirley's FC goalkeeper, left, attempts to stop the ball.

A Kanoa FC player, right, is ahead of Paire members as they go after the ball during their coed U10 match.

An MP United player, second left, tries to get away from Shirley's FC defenders.

Kanoa FC and Shirley's FC players chase the ball during their coed U12 game.

Southern United members and a Matansa FC player, right, run after the ball.

Falcons soar past Seahawks, stay in playoff race

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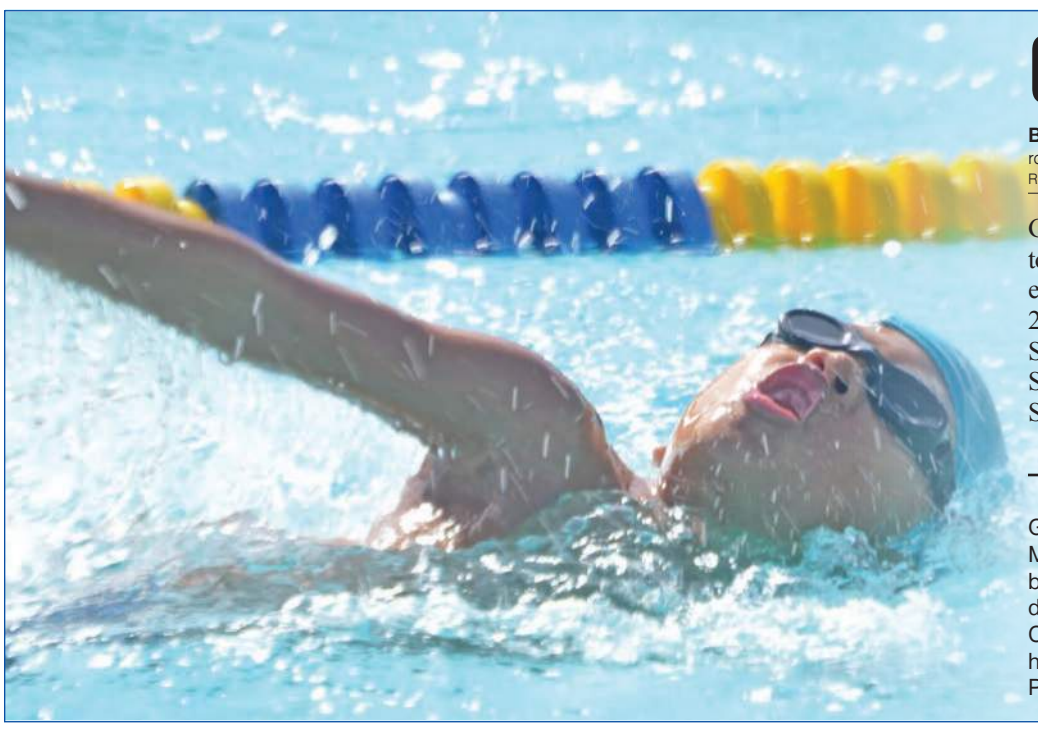

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Grace Christian Academy's Manuel Magboo swims in the boys U8's 50m freestyle event during the 2017 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

GCA triumphs in All Schools swim meet

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Grace Christian Academy took the top honors in the elementary division of the 2017 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The Eagles collected 111 points from the 18 races in the elementary division for a convincing win against six other teams. Brilliant Star School was at distant second with its 76 points, while Saipan International School came in at third after gaining 57 points. William S. Reyes Elementary School (45 points), Koblerville Elementary School (39), Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (16), and Saipan Community School (14) were the other participating schools in the U8 and under and 9 to 12 swim events.

Each school received points based on how their swimmers finished in the races and only the Top 2 placers in individual and relay events received points. The winners of individual and relay races were awarded 9 and 18 points, while the runners-up got 7 and 14.

The quartet of Kaya Braxton, Aasish Dangol, Michael Miller, and Takeru Jim handed GCA 18 points when it topped the mixed U8's 200m

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Kanoa FC-2 wins Division A crown

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Kanoa Football Club-2 was on target in the shootout to edge Paire FC, 3-2, during their Division A title match in the 2017 Dove Women's Fall League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Chloe Salvosa, Britanny Wally, and Krizel Tuazon converted their shots in the deciding phase of the finale to help Kanoa-2 steal the division championships from Paire FC.

Paire boosted its title bid when it took a 2-0 halftime edge, thanks to Guine Borja's pair of goals. Borja made her first goal in the 14th minute and the second in the closing minute of the first half.

In the second half, Kanoa-2 finally got its offense going when Gillian Villagomez found the back of the net just four minutes into the 20-minute period. Then two minutes later, it was Wally's turn to light up the board to force the deadlock.

The game remained in a standoff after the regulation, bringing the finale into the shootout. Paire got off to a good start in the shootout when Borja connected, while Villagomez misfired. That was Kanoa-2's only booboo in the shootout, as its next three shooters made their attempts count, while Paire's gunners were on and

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Kanoa Football Club-2's Chloe Salvosa, right, beats Paire's Guine Borja to the ball and goes for a header during the first half of their Division A title game in the 2017 Dove Women's Fall League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

HK Olympian among favorites in 'Hell'

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Hong Kong Olympian Jamie Wong is among the early favorites in the women's pro division in the 11th Hell of the Marianas Century Cycling Race set for Dec. 2.

Wong, who just turned 31 last Nov. 4, is set to arrive with five of her Success teammates on Nov. 30 via Hong Kong Express and the visiting bikers are expected to test the course a day before the early morning race around Saipan.

Five-time champion Mieko Carey of Guam has not to confirm if she would defend the women's crown she won in 2008, 2010, and from 2014 to 2016. Pending Carey's confirmation, this would leave Wong, Manami Iijima of Guam, Japan's Yasue Nakahara, and Chau Yu Ng of Hong Kong to battle for the women's championship.

Last year, Carey completed the punishing course in 3:33:28 to beat Iijima by more than 15 minutes and third placer Chika Fukomo of Japan by almost 25 minutes. The 2016 victory made

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Hong Kong's Jamie Wong, left, races in the World Cup cycling series in Aguascalientes, Mexico, in 2013.

Carey the winningest biker in the 100-kilometer race, breaking the record of Australia's Jodie Willett. The Aussie won the HOM women's title three times (2011 to 2013), while compatriot Amber Halliday ruled in 2009 and Susan Seay of Guam claimed the inaugural crown in 2007.

Wong hopes to make it to the winners circle of the century cycle race, as she is banking on her rich international experience to win her HOM debut. She competed in the women's road race in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics in Beijing and London. She finished the London race in 3:57:00.

Wong is a decorated cyclist representing Hong Kong in several international races. She won the gold medal in the 2007-2008 UCI Track Cycling World Cup in Copenhagen, Denmark after timing in at 25:55.840 in the 20-kilometer Points Race on Feb. 16, 2008. She finished with 27 points, beating hometown bet Trine Schmidt by four, while USA's Theresa Cliff-Ryan settled for the bronze.

Before winning gold in Denmark, Wong, who was once ranked No. 1 in the World Cup series, settled for

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